Senate Chamber, paired and not voting, the Chair declares the conference report agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. MARTIN. I move that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 28, 1918, at 12 o'clock meridian.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, May 27, 1918.

The House met at 12 o'clock noon. The Chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., offered the fol-

lowing prayer:

We lift up our hearts in gratitude to Thee, our Father in Heaven, for all the disclosures Thou hast made of Thyself, especially for the disclosures in the incomparable life, character, and wonderful precepts which fell from the lips of the Master, which not only teach us the way and the truth and the life-but especially for the comforting and reassuring words:
"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I

will give you rest.

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

'For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Again:

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so,

I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

The world is plunged into a terrible war, destructive beyond compare; thousands of hearts are borne down in sorrow and grief; grant that they may be comforted, sustained, and upheld by the precious words of the Master. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of Saturday was read and

approved.

DISTRICT BUSINESS.

Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker-

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from

Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky. Under the rules of the House this is District day. However, the Committee on Pensions has an agreement under which they have precedence to-day; and, next, my colleague, the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Sher-LEY], desires to bring up an appropriation bill. Therefore I ask unanimous consent that when the appropriation bill has been disposed of that the next day thereafter may be given to the consideration of District bills.

The SPEAKER. Now, there are two appropriation bills.

Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky. I refer particularly to the

urgent deficiency bill.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Johnson] asks unanimous consent that instead of bringing up his District bills to-day, which is District day, that he shall have the right of way immediately after this deficiency appropriation bill is disposed of. Is there objection?

Mr. GILLETT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object,

I would like to inquire if that means, if the gentleman gets unanimous consent that this shall come up, that then if the House should wish to take up the Army bill we could not by a majority

vote do so?

The SPEAKER. Why, the Chair thinks that if this order is made it shoves the Army bill out of the way until after the consideration of the District bill.

Mr. GILLETT. Then, temporarily, I shall object.

Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky. I will say to the gentleman from Massachusetts that the sealer of weights and measures for the District of Columbia has been to see me and has written to me, urging that a bill relating to weights and measures be brought up and passed as soon as possible; that every day, and many times every day in fact, many people are given short weights in ice, and if the purchaser of ice ask that it be weighed the ice man drives away and will not give him any ice; and where complaint is lodged with him on account of short weights of ice those lodging the complaints can not get ice at all. It does seem to me, with hot weather coming on, there ought to be some consideration given to the 75,000 or 100,000 clerks brought here to do the Government's work. They must have ice and should

not be given short weight when they buy it.

Mr. GILLETT. I will say that if the gentlemen who are responsible for the business of the House think that it is more so stated to the gentleman.

important to determine weights and measures for the District

of Columbia than to pass the Army bill, I shall not object,
Mr. McKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I thought we had an understanding that bills coming from the Committee on Military Affairs, except on special days, should have the right of way. Now, if the request of the gentleman from Kentucky is consented to, why of course it will make a special day for the consideration of his bills and cut out consideration of the military appropriation bill, which ought to be considered without a moment's delay.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I hope the gentleman from Kentucky will withdraw his request now, and that he will make it following the passage of the military appropriation bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I will modify the

request—
Mr. KITCHIN. I have made arrangements with the chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs to take up that bill

Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I will modify my request by asking unanimous consent that I be given District day immediately following the disposition of the military appropriation bill.

Mr. GILLETT. Mr. Speaker, that very likely will be a week in advance, and I do not think we ought to tie up the time that far ahead.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?
Mr. GILLETT. I object to that.
The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Massachusetts objects. JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO HOUSES.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask immediate consideration of the following resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

House concurrent resolution 45.

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, the 27th day of May, 1918, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The question was taken, and the resolution was agreed to.

PENSION BILLS.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker-

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman rise? Mr. RUSSELL. To call up the bill H. R. 12229, the special

order for this morning.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will permit, I am perfectly willing that the time until the joint meeting of the two Houses be used in consideration of these pension bills, but I do not think they ought to stand in the way of two big appropriation bills. The Committee on Military Affairs is awaiting with its Army bill my getting out of the way with an urgent deficiency bill, and if the gentleman will give me assurance he will not press these matters after 1 o'clock

Mr. RUSSELL. I will agree with the gentleman from Ken-tucky that if we do not finish these bills before the hour mentioned, we will get out of the way and take them up at some other time.

Mr. SHERLEY. Very well. The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the bill.

The Clerk read as follows:

A bill (H. R. 12229) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Civii War and certain widows and dependent children of soldiers and sailors of said war.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that this bill be considered in the House as in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Missouri asks unanimous consent to consider this bill in the House as in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.
Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that

the first reading of the bill be dispensed with.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?
Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would like to know whether the agreement the gentleman made with the gentleman from Kentucky a little while ago refers to all pension bills to come up to-day.

Mr. RUSSELL. I could not commit anybody except myself. There are two on the calendar from the Invalid Pension Com-

mittee.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. The gentleman is not assuming to commit the Committee on Pensions?

Mr. RUSSELL. No; I have no authority to do that and I

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. All right.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman asks unanimous consent to dispense with the first reading of the bill. Is there objection? There was no objection.

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The name of William Wilson, late of Company B, Seventy-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the The name of Minnie O'Connor, helpless and dependent child of John C. O'Connor, late of Company D, Seventh Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per monit.

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The name of James H. Goodrich, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Anna Eschbach, helpless and dependent child of David A. Eschbach, late of Company F, Fitzenheut Ohio Volunteer Thanker, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of William A. Morton, late of Company D, First Regiment Missouri Engineers, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Perry Jarrett, late of Company C, Seventy-fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of George W. Parks, late of Company G, Forty-ninth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of William H. Bascue, late of Company I, Eleventh Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Andrew J. Durgin, late of Company I, Twenty-ninth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Sidney J. Crocker, late of Company C, Thirteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Reserve Infantry, and One hundred and ninetieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Joseph D. Fulmer, late of Company A, One hundred and seventy-eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Drafted Militia Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Enoch E. Boyd, late of Company D, One hundred and ninety-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Henry S. Rider, late of Company L, Twenty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and Third Regiment Pennsylvania Provisional Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Jacob M. Wilhite, late of Company D, One hundred and thirty-fifth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Isaac J. Byers, late of Company B, Seventy-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Andrew Moore, late of Company H, One hundred and twenty-third Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Lillie Bircut, helpless and dependent child of Charles Bircut, late of Company A, Twenty-third Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Edward McConnell, late of Company C, Eleventh Regiment New York Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Thomas F. Regan, alias George S. Bennett, late of Battery C, First Regiment New York Volunteer Light Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Isalah M. Phillips, late of Company I, Sixth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Anna Bell O'Neal, widow of George E. O'Neal, late of Company G, Thirtieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of Sylvester A. Simpson, late of Company F, Fortieth Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of John Coombs, late of Company H, Eleventh Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Laurence Mericle, late of Company E, Fifteenth Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Myron S. Towne, late of Company H, One hundred and forty-third Regiment Pensylvania Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Daniel Jones, late of Company E, One hundred and ninety-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Benjamin F. Ford, late of Company G, Seventeenth Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Julia L. Vaught, former widow of James R. Reed, late of the Eleventh Independent Battery, Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of Susan B. Churchill, widow of Elroy Churchill, late of Company A, First Regiment New York Volunteer Mounted Rifles, and Company A, Twenty-third Veteran Reserve Corps, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of William S. Strode, late of Company G, Fiftieth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Samuel Davis, late of Company F, Fiftieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of William Amspacker, late of Company B, Seventeenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of William T. O'Bannon, late of Company A, One hundred and thirty-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Matthias Keller, late of Company B, One hundred and sixty-third Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Alexander Yates, late of Company A, Thirty-ninth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Sarah Keys, widow of William T. Keys, late of Company I, Seventy-second Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of Archibald M. Vaughn, alias William Burch, late of Company C, Forty-third Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of William Kildow, late of Company G, Thirty-first and Eighty-eighth Regiments Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of John H. Beatty, late of Company I, Ninety-sixth Regiment, and Company A, Seventy-seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Bertha Hansmann, helpless and dependent child of Joseph Hansmann, late of Company B, Third United States Reserve Corps, Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Alfred Blake, late of Company A, Thirteenth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Margaret L. Cisney, widow of John W. Cisney, late of Company I, Fifty-fourth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

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The name of Gustave Bentz, late of Company L. First Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Iarkin Kennedy, late of Company E. Fifty-third Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Jeal Morris, late of Company H. Fourteenth Regiment Missouri State Millitia Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Joseph Elble, late of Company H. Thirty-second Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Mary A. Abbott, former widow of John H. Brautner, late of Company I, Forty-fourth Regiment Wisconsh Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Emanuel Rowley, late of Company F, Thirteenth Regiment West Virginia Volun

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The name of Daniel Parker, late of Company G, Forty-seventh Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of John F, Porter, late of Company C, Seventh Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and Company G, Sixty-eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of John P. Simer, late of Company F, Fourteenth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of William H. Ross, late of Company D. Eighth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Henry G. Gardner, late of Company F, Fourteenth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The foregoing bill is a substitute for the following House bills

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H. R. 10039. James M. Wilson, 2d.
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H. R. 10085. William Durham.
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H. R. 10072. James G. Overstreet,
H. R. 10100. Ephralm J. Smith.
H. R. 10176. Mary L. Greenwood.
H. R. 10218. Carrie E. Magason.
H. R. 10252. Newton Sigsby.
H. R. 10393. John L. Bryan.
H. R. 10456. William I. Britton.
H. R. 10498. Eli McMinnis.
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H. R. 10822. Sylvester Peters.
H. R. 10824. Benjamin A. Sturtevant.
H. R. 10839. Aaron McEndre.
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H. R. 771. William Wilson.
H. R. 827. Minnie O'Connor.
H. R. 828. Thomas McLarnan.
H. R. 1031. James H. Goodrich.
H. R. 1092. Anna Eschbach.
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H. R. 1094. Simon E. Foust.
H. R. 1395. Tyler M. Shroyer.
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H. R. 1386. James W. Hill.
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H. R. 3109. Alden F. Wooster.
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H. R. 3723. John W. Whitbeck.
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H. R. 4326. Henderson Smith.
H. R. 4429. Edward C. Jeffries.
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H. R. 4424. Franklin Haddock.
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H. R. 5138. Frank Godfrey.
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Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following comm amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Insert at the end of the bill the following:
"The name of Elizabeth Wise, former widow of John Dodson, late of
Company I, Eighty-eighth Regiment Illinois Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 a month."

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the committee amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following amend-

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report it.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment by Mr. Ashbrook: Insert as a separate paragraph the

"The name of Elizabeth S. Reed, widow of Caleb R. Reed, late acting assistant or contract surgeon, United States Army, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month, in lieu of that she is now receiving."

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the amend-

The amendment was agreed to.
The SPEAKER. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time,

was read a third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Russell, the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Waldorf, its enrolling clerk, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment the following House concurrent resolution:

House concurrent resolution 45.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday the 27th day of May, 1918, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives was requested:

S. 4557. An act to provide for vocational rehabilitation and return to civil employment of disabled persons discharged from the military or naval forces of the United States, and for other purposes.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent, leaves of absence were granted as follows

To Mr. Emerson, indefinitely, on account of sickness in family. To Mr. Mansfield, two days, on account of important business. To Mr. FAIRFIELD for two weeks.

PENSIONS.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I call up the bill S. 3799, an act granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Civil War and certain widows and dependent relatives of such soldiers and sailors, and I ask unanimous consent that this bill be considered in the House as in the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection? [After a pause.]

Chair hears none.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that

the first reading of the bill be dispensed with.

The SPEAKER Is there objection? [After a pause.] Chair hears none.

The Clerk will report the bill for amendment.

The bill S. 3799 was read for amendment as follows:

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colonel Second Regiment United States Volunteer infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of James Campbell, late of Company K, Fortieth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Edward Patrick, late of Company D, One hundred and fifty-second Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$27 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of William H. Wyckoff, late of Company I, Ninety-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Hugh S. Ryan, late of Company F, Fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Harvey Johnson, late of Company I, One hundred and thirty-sixth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Myron Gillmore, late of Company B, Ninety-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Marlon A. Babcock, late of Company A, Thirty-sixth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Benjamin F. Brock, late of Company G, One hundred and seventieth Regiment Ohio National Guard Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Loreta Blevins, widow of Dillion Blevins, late of Company F. Thirteenth Regiment Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$37 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving: Provided, That in the event of the death of Robert T. C. Blevins, helpless and dependent child of said Dillion Blevins, the additional pension herein granted shall cease and determine: And provided further, That in the event of the death of Loreta Blevins the name of the said Robert T. C. Blevins shall be placed on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, at the rate of \$12 per month from and after the date of the death of the said Loreta Blevins. jurifier, That in the event of the death of Loretz Blevins the name of the said Robert T. C. Blevins shall be placed on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, at the rate of \$12 per month from and after the date of the death of the said Loretz Blevins.

In the name of Perdinand Fetter, late of Company I, Eleventh Regiment Plinios Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Ferdinand Fetter, late of Company I, Eleventh Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of John B. Donaldson, late of Third Independent Battery lowa Volunteer Light Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Clifford A. Lewis, late of Company E, Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Company E, Eighth Regiment United States of Company E, Eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Thomas J, Gafford, late of Company B, Forty-fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of George D. Abraham, late of Company I, Sixty-fifth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Urlah G. Williams, late of Company A, One hundred and ninety-fifth Regiment Ohlo Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$27 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of John C. Emery, late acting assistant surgeon, United States Army, and assistant surgeon, Thirteenth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$21 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of William H. Tripp, late of Company H. Fourth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and second lieutenant Company H, nineteenth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Alonzo Pendland, late unassigned, Thirty-third Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$21 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Thomas M. Johnson, late of Company A. Twelith Regiment Robots Alland Volumiest Infantry and poyr Bine a position at the rate of \$30 per month in Hen of that he is now receiving. The name of James S. Gray, late of Company H. Two hundred and sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Volumiest Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in Hen of that he is now receiving. The name of Isaac Wharton, late of Company H. Third Regiment West Virginia Volumiest Cavality, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in Hen of that he is now receiving. The name of Increase K. Watson, late of Company H. Third Regiment Malise Volumiest Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in Hen of that he is now receiving. The name of Melville N. Freeman, late of Company D. Third Regiment Wisconsin Volumiest Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in Hen of that he is now receiving. The name of Melville N. Freeman, late of Company D. Third Regiment Online Melville N. Freeman, late of Company D. Third Regiment Online Melville N. Freeman, late of Company B. Third Regiment Hen and the Part of \$40 per month in Hen of that he is now receiving. The name of Melville N. Freeman, late of Company B. Third Regiment Wiscons of Voltare C. Homey, late of Company B. The Part of \$40 per month in Hen of that he is now receiving. The name of Algen's Leach, late of Company B. Then Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in Hen of that he is now receiving.

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The name of James M. Shuey, late of Company H, Forty-fourth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Harry M. Sherman, late of Company G. Twelfth Regiment United States infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Henry Thomas, late of Company E. Thirty-sixth Regiment Chilo Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Henry Thomas, late of Company E. Fourteenth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Alexander D. Smalley, late of Bartery F. First Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Emery O. Pendleton, late of Company I, Fifteenth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Freeman D. Myrick, late of Company I, Greenth Regiment, and Company K. Thirtieth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Moses F. Hurd, late of Company I, Eleventh Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of John L. Rushton, late of Company H, Ninth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Charles W. Wormell, late of the Seventh Battery, First Battalion Maine Volunteer Light Artillery, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Sylvanus Smith, late of Company F, Eleventh Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of George W. Hall, late first lieutenant, Company D, Twelfth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of George W. Gilbert, late of Company D, Twenty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of McHenry Smith, late of Company H, Eightieth Regiment Hilnois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of John Acton, late of Company C, Seventh Battalion, District of Columbia Militia Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$21 per month.

The name of Adrian J. Hayward, late of Company C, One hundred and forty-ninth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Emma A. Hoskins, widow of Thomas D. Hoskins, late of Company A, Thirty-second Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and

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The name of William White, late of Company G, Second Regiment Arkansas Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Joseph P. Case, late of Company E, One hundred and fifty-sixth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$27 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Washington Richardson, late of Company K, One hundred and inith Regiment, and Company F, Eleventh Regiment, fill-nois Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Edwin S. Metcalf, late of Company B, Seventh Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Daniel Vanscoy, late of Company E, Third Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Luther L. Rewalt, late assistant surgeon, Twenty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Margaret Dicks, former widow of Andrew Snyder, late of Company D, Eleventh Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of Benjamin F. Morse, late of Company E, Eighth Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

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The name of James M. Millirons, late of Company C, Eighth Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of George L, Danforth, late of Company C, Eighth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Arnold Bauer, late of Company B, Sixth Regiment Kentuck

The foregoing bill is a substitute for the following Senate bills referred to the Committee on Pensions:

S. 136. Melvina Cognillard, S. 243. Henry Welzel, S. 245. Samuel S. Wilson, S. 266. Samuel H. Brooks, S. 273. George W. Bass, S. 325. Charles E. Wilcox, S. 333. Adam Eckert, S. 335. Albert Boon, S. 384. Albert S. Greene, BSIONS;
S. 394. John Burns.
S. 496. Robert Liddell.
S. 506. Amos Dickinson.
S. 508. Henry A. Dayton.
S. 513. Theodore C. Bates,
S. 583. John W. Marks,
S. 586. Alexander Reed.
S. 617. William L. Swiger,
S. 658. Thomas J. Denny,

William E. Hayden,
Samuel McClure.
Henry McClure.
Michael O. Sullivan.
Francis Mathews.
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Thomas J. Hargrave.
George O. Pearl.
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Henry T. Snyder.
George H. Fogg.
John Openchain.
Seward Newtson.
Jealah P. Watts.
Edward Sams.
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683. William L. V. Kite.
688. Daniel B. Mills.
690. William O'Callaghan.
703. John Wones.
767. Frederick S. Webber.
880. Jerome McWethy.
1012. Mary L. King.
1179. James Campbell.
1235. Edward Patrick.
1237. William H. Wyckoff.
1280. Hugh S. Ryan.
1356. Harvey Johnson.
1375. Myron Gilmore.
1391. Marion A. Babcock.
1404. Benjamin F. Brock.
1403. Loreta Blevins.
1407. Hannah McAdams.
1470. Ferdinand Fetter.
1488. John W. Hoyt.
1491. John B. Donaldson.
1500. John E. Clark.
1508. William H. Patterson.
1518. Clifford A. Lewis.
1614. Georgianna Thomas.
1615. Thomas J. Gafford.
1664. Sarah J. Briles.
1833. John M. Holmes.
1834. John E. Rogers.
1831. Rosa Flake.
1833. John M. Holmes.
1834. John E. Rogers.
1835. Augustus A. Clawson.
1858. Wesley B. Reed.
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1883. Nathan H. Ellis.
1899. Walter E. Ellis.
1950. George Engleman.
1992. Thomas V. Malone.
2025. George W. Flagg.
2042. Albert H. Wood.
2048. Thomas McCarty.
2050. Henry J. Edge, alias
2067. George D. Abraham.
2077. John C. Emery.
2078. William H. Tripp.
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2085. Alonzo Pendland.
2087. Thomas M. Johnson.
2127. Mark Whitney.
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2124. George C. Bonney.
2159. Bradford G. Ostrander.
2284. William M. Findley.
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The following committee amendments were severally read and severally agreed to:

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Page 3, line 27, strike out the following:

"The name of Amos Dickinson, late of Company K, Eleventh Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Page 3, line 21, strike out the following:

"The name of Henry A. Dayton, late of Company E, Nineteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Page 17, strike out lines 22 to 25, inclusive, as follows:

"The name of James Cummins, late of Company E, Eighty-fifth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Page 25, strike out lines 4 to 7, inclusive, as follows:

"The name of George W. Thompson, late of Company G, Eighteenth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Page 33, lines 22 to 25, inclusive, strike out the following: "The name of George L. Danforth, late of Company C, Eighth Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$40 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

The SPEAKER. The question is on the third reading of the Senate bill.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Russell, a motion to reconsider the vote

by which the bill was passed was laid on the table. Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I desire to call up the bill H. R. 12211.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report it.

The Clerk read as follows:

A bill (H. R. 12211) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Regular Army and Navy, and certain soldiers and sailors of wars other than the Civil War, and to widows of such soldiers and sailors.

Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered in the House as in the Committee of the

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Ohio asks unanimous consent that the bill be considered in the House as in the Com-

mittee of the Whole. Is there objection?

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I desire to offer an amendment to this bill, and I would like to have 10 minutes in which to explain it. Will the

gentleman agree to let me have 10 minutes? Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I will not object to the gentleman having five minutes, but I will certainly object to amend-

ing the bill. Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. I asked the gentleman to give

me 10 minutes. I want to explain the case.

Mr. KEY of Ohio. I have no objection to the gentleman being

given 10 minutes.

The gentleman has no control of the time The SPEAKER. when the bill is considered in the House. He has not any time to dispose of.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. I do not want to insist on going into the Committee of the Whole. I thought perhaps I could arrange it satisfactorily in the way I have suggested.

Mr. GILLETT. Mr. Speaker, does not the gentleman have an

hour at his disposal?

The SPEAKER. He does not. If this bill is to be considered in the House as in the Committee of the Whole, he has five minutes; and nobody else has any more, either.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I object. The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Moore] objects. Will the gentleman from Ohio make his motion to go into the Committee of the Whole?

Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, my objection was, knowing that the House was soon to have a recess, that I did not care to make that motion. I wanted to have the bill considered in the House. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of the bill (H. R. 12211) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Regular Army and Navy, and to certain soldiers and sailors of wars other than the Civil War, and widows of such soldiers and sailors, with Mr. Johnson of Kentucky in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN. The House is in Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of the bill H. R. 12211, which the

Clerk will report.

Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent

that the first reading of the bill be dispensed with.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Ohio asks unanimous consent that the first reading of the bill be dispensed with. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, I yield five minutes to the

gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Moore].

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. The bill will have to be read. Mr. RAKER. A point of order, Mr. Chairman. The bill has not been read yet by the Clerk. The first reading can not be dispensed with until the title has been read. The title has not yet been read.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will report the bill by title. The Clerk read as follows:

A bill (H. R. 12211) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sallors of the Regular Army and Navy, and certain soldiers and sallors of wars other than the Civil War, and to widows of such soldiers and sailors.

Mr. KEY of Ohio. Now, Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the first reading of the bill be dispensed with.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Ohio asks unanimous consent that the first reading of the bill be dispensed with. Is there objection?

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, this bill comes at a time when the House is crowded and when there may not be fair consideration given to amendments that may be offered. I understand other amendments will be offered. I want to know if the gentleman from Ohio will agree to give me 10 minutes? He will have enough time before the arrival of the President to give me 10 minutes.

Mr. KEATING rose. The CHAIRMAN. For what purpose does the gentleman from Colorado rise?

Mr. KEATING. I want to make a suggestion that I think will solve the problem. The chairman of the Committee on Pensions is anxious to dispose of the bill before the arrival of the President. Suppose we read the bill and the gentleman from Pennsylvania can offer his amendment at the end of the reading. If we have time then, I have no doubt the gentleman from

Pennsylvania will have opportunity to offer an amendment.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. If we did that, the "gentleman from Pennsylvania" would be wiped off the limb.

Mr. CLARK of Missouri. Even if the President should arrive before the completion of the bill, the bill can come up at another time.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. The gentleman will have a great advantage in forcing this bill now, just as the President is expected to arrive.

The CHAIRMAN. Unanimous consent has been asked. The bill has been read by title. The gentleman from Pennsylvania will be recognized to offer an amendment at the close of the reading.

Mr. WALSH. There is no difficulty in getting such unanimous consent as that. When the time comes the gentleman can offer his amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection?

Mr. WALSH. I object.
The CHAIRMAN. Objection is made. The Clerk will report the bill.

The Clerk read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled—

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Chairman, I desire to renew my request that the first reading of the bill be dispensed with. That will give the gentleman from Pennsylvania a chance.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. This is an important bill, as all pension bills are, and it is one that ought to be discussed where there is reason for discussion. I desire to ask the Chairman whether I am not entitled to discuss this bill in general

Mr. RAKER. Regular order, Mr. Chairman. Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. There having been debate upon it, I ask whether or not I am not entitled to an hour to discuss this bill? Mr. KEY of Ohio. The bill not having been read, the gentle-

man would not be entitled to his hour.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Ohio [Mr. KEY] had the floor, pending the request to dispense with the first reading of the bill.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman, a parliamentary inquiry.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. The gentleman from Pennsylvania having been recognized to open the discussion, is he not entitled to the floor?

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman was not recognized for that purpose. He was recognized to reserve an objection to dispensing with the first reading of the bill. The Clerk will read the bill.

The Clerk read as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws—

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last word.

Mr. WALSH. That is not in order. This bill is being read. The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will continue the reading of the

The Clerk read as follows:

The name of Florence Marquis, widow of Fred S. Marquis, late captain of Company M, Eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman, a parliamentary inquiry.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. It is proper at this point in the proceedings to offer an amendment to the bill?

The CHAIRMAN. The bill is not being read for amendment, and therefore it is not in order to offer amendments at this time. The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

The name of Edith L. Morgan, widow of Altie M. Morgan, late of Company G, Twenty-second Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month, and \$2 per month ad litional on account of each of the two minor children of the said Altie M. Morgan until they reach the age of 16 years.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman, I make the point of order that there is no quorum present.

Mr. WALSH. We are in the committee now, The CHAIRMAN. Evidently there is a quorum present. The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

The name of George C. Rimes, late of Company E, Thirty-fifth Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman, a parliamentary

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. The Clerk has been reading the bill in a tone of voice that is not distinct in the House. It is not the fault of the Clerk, but it is due to the fact that the House is not in order. I desire to make the point of order that the committee is not in order.

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman desire to make a parlia-

mentary inquiry or to make a point of order?

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. A point of order, since the Chair has ruled on the question. I make the point of order that the House is not in order.

Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the committee rose; and the Speaker having resumed the chair, Mr. Johnson of Kentucky, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House, reported that that committee had had under consideration the bill (H. R. 12211) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Regular Army and Navy, and certain soldiers and sailors of wars other than the Civil War, and to widows of such soldiers and sailors, and had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that

the House stand in recess until 5 minutes to 1 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from North Carolina asks unanimous consent that the House stand in recess until 5 minutes to 1 o'clock. Is there objection?
There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 48 minutes p. m.) the House stood in recess

At the expiration of the recess the House resumed its session and was called to order by the Speaker.

JOINT MEETING OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

At 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p. m. the Doorkeeper, J. J. Sinnott, announced the Vice President of the United States and the Members of the United States Senate.

The Members of the House rose. The Senate, preceded by the Vice President, and by their Secretary and Sergeant at Arms, entered the Chamber.

The Vice President took the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate took the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. On the part of the House the Speaker an-

nounces the following committee to conduct the President into the Chamber: Messrs. Kitchin, Sherley, Flood, Webb, Gil-

LETT, CANNON, and Moore of Pennsylvania.

The VICE PRESIDENT. On the part of the Senate the Vice President announces as a like committee Senators Martin, SIMMONS, CHAMBERLAIN, SAULSBURY, PENROSE, COLT, and KEN-YON

At 1 o'clock and 2 minutes p. m. the President of the United States, escorted by the committee of Senators and Representa-tives, entered the Hall of the House and stood at the Clerk's

desk amid prolonged applause.

The SPEAKER. Gentlemen of the Sixty-fifth Congress, I present the President of the United States. [Applause.]

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT (H. DOC. NO. 1141).

Gentlemen of the Congress, it is with unaffected reluctance that I come to ask you to prolong your session long enough to provide more adequate resources for the Treasury for the con-duct of the war. I have reason to appreciate as fully as you do how arduous the session has been. Your labours have been

severe and protracted. You have passed a long series of measures which required the debate of many doubtful questions of judgment and many exceedingly difficult questions of principle as well as of practice. The summer is upon us in which labour and counsel are twice arduous and are constantly apt to be impaired by lassitude and fatigue. The elections are at hand and we ought as soon as possible to go and render an intimate account of our trusteeship to the people who delegated us to act for them in the weighty and anxious matters that crowd upon us in these days of critical choice and action. But we dare not go to the elections until we have done our duty to the full. These are days when duty stands stark and naked and even with closed eyes we know it is there. Excuses are unavailing. We have either done our duty or we have not. The fact will be as gross and plain as the duty itself. In such a case lassitude and fatigue seem negligible enough. The facts are tonic and suffice to freshen the labour.

And the facts are these: Additional revenues must manifestly be provided for. It would be a most unsound policy to raise too large a proportion of them by loan, and it is evident that the four billions now provided for by taxation will not of themselves sustain the greatly enlarged budget to which we must immediately look forward. We can not in fairness wait until the end of the fiscal year is at hand to apprise our people of the taxes they must pay on their earnings of the present calendar year, whose accountings and expenditures will then be We can not get increased taxes unless the country knows what they are to be and practices the necessary economy to make them available. Definiteness, early definiteness, as to what its tasks are to be is absolutely necessary for the successful administration of the Treasury; it can not frame fair and workable regulations in haste; and it must frame its regulations in haste if it is not to know its exact task until the very eve of its performance. The present tax laws are marred, moreover, by inequities which ought to be remedied. Indisputable facts, every one; and we can not alter or blink them. To state them is argument enough.

And yet perhaps you will permit me to dwell for a moment upon the situation they disclose. Enormous loans freely spent in the stimulation of industry of almost every sort produce inflations and extravagances which presently make the whole economic structure questionable and insecure and the very basis of credit is cut away. Only fair, equitably distributed taxation, of the widest incidence and drawing chiefly from the sources which would be likely to demoralize credit by their very abundance, can prevent inflation and keep our industrial system free of speculation and waste. We shall naturally turn, therefore, I suppose, to war profits and incomes and luxuries for the additional taxes. [Applause.] But the war profits and incomes upon which the increased taxes will be levied will be the profits and incomes of the calendar year 1918. It would be manifestly unfair to wait until the early months of 1919 to say what they

are to be. It might be difficult, I should imagine, to run the mill with water that had already gone over the wheel.

Moreover, taxes of that sort will not be paid until the June of next year, and the Treasury must anticipate them. It must use the money they are to produce before it is due. It must sell short-time certificates of indebtedness. In the autumn a much larger sale of long-time bonds must be effected than has yet been attempted. What are the bankers to think of the certificates if they do not certainly know where the money is to come from which is to take them up? And how are investors to approach the purchase of bonds with any sort of confidence of knowledge of their own affairs if they do not know what taxes they are to pay and what economies and adjustments of their business they must effect? I can not assure the country of a successful administration of the Treasury in 1918 if the question of further taxation is to be left undecided until 1919.

The consideration that dominates every other now, and makes every other seem trivial and negligible, is the winning of the war. [Applause.] We are not only in the midst of the war, we are at the very peak and crisis of it. Hundreds of thousands of our men, carrying our hearts with them and our fortunes, are in the field, and ships are crowding faster and faster to the ports of France and England with regiment after regiment, thousand after thousand, to join them until the enemy shall be beaten and brought to a reckoning with mankind. [Applause.] There can be no pause or intermission. The great enterprise must, on the contrary, be pushed with greater and greater energy. The volume of our might must steadily and rapidly be augmented until there can be no question of resisting it. If that is to be accomplished, gentlemen, money must sustain it to the utmost. Our financial programme must no more be left in doubt or suffered to lag than our ordnance programme or our ship programme or our munitions programme or our programme for making millions of men ready. These others are not programmes, indeed, but mere plans upon paper, unless there is to be an unquestion-

able supply of money.

That is the situation, and it is the situation which creates the duty, no choice or preference of ours. There is only one way to meet that duty. We must meet it without selfishness or fear of consequences. Politics is adjourned. The elections will go to those who think least of it; to those who go to the constituencies without explanations or excuses, with a plain record of duty faithfully and disinterestedly performed. I, for one, am always confident that the people of this country will give a just verdict upon the service of the men who act for them when the facts are such that no man can disguise or conceal them. no danger of deceit now. An intense and pitiless light beats upon every man and every action in this tragic plot of war that is now upon the stage. If lobbyists hurry to Washington to attempt to turn what you do in the matter of taxation to their protection or advantage, the light will beat also upon them. There is abundant fuel for the light in the records of the Treasury with regard to profits of every sort. The profiteering that can not be got at by the restraints of conscience and love of country can be got at by taxation. [Applause.] There is such profiteering now and the information with regard to it is available and indisputable.

I am advising you to act upon this matter of taxation now, gentlemen, not because I do not know that you can see and interpret the facts and the duty they impose just as well and with as clear a perception of the obligations involved as I can, but because there is a certain solemn satisfaction in sharing with you the responsibilities of such a time. The world never stood in such case before. Men never before had so clear or so moving a vision of duty. I know that you will begrudge the work to be done here by us no more than the men begrude us theirs who lie in the trenches and sally forth to their death. There is a stimulating comradeship knitting us all together. And this task to which I invite your immediate consideration will be performed under favorable influences if we will look to what the country is thinking and expecting and care nothing at all for what is being said and believed in the lobbies of Washington hotels, where the atmosphere seems to wake it receibles to the atmosphere seems to wake it receibles to the atmosphere seems to wake its receibles to the atmosphere seems to wake its receibles to the seems to wake its received to wake its receive where the atmosphere seems to make it possible to believe what

is believed nowhere else. [Applause.]

Have you not felt the spirit of the Nation rise and its thought become a single and common thought since these eventful days came in which we have been sending our boys to the other side? I think you must read that thought, as I do, to mean this, that the people of this country are not only united in the resolute purpose to win this war but are ready and willing to bear any burden and undergo any sacrifice that it may be necessary for them to bear in order to win it. [Applause.] We need not be afraid to tax them, if we lay taxes justly. They know that the war must be paid for and that it is they who must pay for it, and if the burden is justly distributed and the sacrifice made a common sacrifice from which none escapes who can bear it at all, they will carry it cheerfully and with a sort of solemn pride.

I have always been proud to be an American, and was never more proud than now, when all that we have said and all that we have foreseen about our people is coming true. The great days have come when the only thing that they ask for or admire is duty greatly and adequately done; when their only wish for America is that she may share the freedom she enjoys; when a great, compelling sympathy wells up in their hearts for men everywhere who suffer and are oppressed; and when they see at last the high uses for which their wealth has been piled up and their mighty power accumulated and, counting neither blood nor treasure now that their final day of opportunity has come, rejoice to spend and to be spent through a long night of suffering and terror in order that they and men everywhere may see the dawn of a day of righteousness and justice and peace. Shall

we grow weary when they bid us act? [Applause.]

May I add this word, gentlemen? Just as I was leaving the
White House I was told that the expected drive on the western
front had apparently begun. You can realize how that solemnized my feeling as I came to you, and how it seemed to strengthen

the purpose which I have tried to express in these lines.

I have admired the work of this session. The way in which the two Houses of the Congress have cooperated with the Executive has been generous and admirable, and it is not in any spirit of suggesting duty neglected, but only to remind you of the common cause and the common obligation that I have ventured to come to you to-day. [Applause.]

At 1 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m. the President retired from the Hall of the House.

At 1 o'clock and 21 minutes p. m. the Speaker announced that

the joint session was dissolved.

Thereupon the Vice President and the Members of the Senate returned to their Chamber.

PENSIONS.

Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of the bill H. R. 12211, the pension bill.

Mr. SHERLEY. Will the gentleman withhold that for a moment? It is my understanding that the gentleman intends to finish the bill by a quarter of 2 o'clock, and, failing in that,

will not further press it to-day.

Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I do not like to stand in the way of the chairman of a big committee who has an important bill up, but at the same time we had a distinct agreement that we could proceed with pension bills after the oil bill was out of the way. In view of the fact that the bill will not take more than 10 minutes to finish, we ought to be able to get through before a quarter of 2 o'clock, but I do not want to be tied up.

Mr. SHERLEY. And I do not want to tie the House up, which is more important than tying the gentleman up. If the gentleman will agree to move that the committee rise at a quarter of 2 if the bill is not finished, I shall not insist on a division.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I call the attention of the Chair to the unanimous-consent agreement by which the pension bills have the right of way. Saturday's RECORD shows this colloquy:

Mr. Stafford, Mr. Speaker, I desire also to submit an inquiry, and that is whether the order which was entered by unanimous consent to consider pension bills would not make those pension bills in order on Monday?

Monday?

The Speaker. The Chair is inclined to think that it would.

Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin. It is my impression that there was unanimous-consent agreement in respect to taking up the pension bills.

Mr. Russell. There was a unanimous-consent agreement to take up the pension bills following the disposition of the oil bill.

The Speaker. The Clerk informs the Chair that the order was that the pension bills were to follow the disposition of the oil bill.

Mr. Russell. And if we adjourn now those bills will be in order on Monday.

Monday.
The SPEAKER. They would.

Mr. SHERLEY. Pension bills are in order, but the House has a right to determine whether it wants to go into Committee of the Whole on the pension bills. If the day is to be taken up with pension bills, I am going to give the House a chance to determine whether it is more important to pass pension bills than it is an important deficiency bill for the prosecution of the war.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. I think the gentleman will save time to let the pension bills go through.

Mr. CANNON. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. If I have the right to yield.

Mr. CANNON. This is a private pension bill. Has the gentleman any reason to believe that there will not be ample time within 10 days or 2 weeks to pass all these pension bills, and does not he think it is more important to consider the deficiency bill and the Army bill, in order that they may get to the Senate, with a view of hastening as early an adjournment as possible?

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. I do not think the pension bill

will take more than 15 or 20 minutes.

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, there is only one amendment to be offered—the amendment of the gentleman from Pennsylvania-and I therefore ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered in the House as in Committee of the Whole, with the understanding that at the end of the reading of the bill for amendment the gentleman from Pennsylvania be given 10 minutes in which to explain his amendment and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Key] be given 5 minutes in which to reply. That will dispose of the whole matter.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Colorado asks unanimous consent that this bill be considered in the House as in Committee of the Whole, that it shall be read through for amendment, and at the end of the reading the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Moore] shall have the right to offer an amendment and have 10 minutes in which to advocate and explain it, and at the end of his 10 minutes the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Key] shall have 5 minutes, and that that shall be

the end of it.

Mr. WALSH. Does that comprehend the disposition of the

further reading of the bill?

Mr. KEATING. And that the first reading of the bill be dispensed with. The gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Sherley] suggests that we agree to end the entire proceeding by 2 o'clock If we can get through by that time, I am willing that that should be put in.

The SPEAKER. And the further condition that the whole

thing shall be ended by 2 o'clock. Is there objection?

Mr. STAFFORD. I object to the last provision; we will probably get through anyway.

Mr. KEATING. Then I withdraw the latter part of the request, that we finish by 2 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the bill for amendment.

The Clerk read the bill through for amendment.

An act (H. R. 12211) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Regular Army and Navy, and certain soldiers and sailors of wars other than the Civil War, and to widows of such soldiers and sailors.

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Be it enacted by the Scnate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws—

The name of Florence Marquis, widow of Fred S. Marquis, late captain of Company M. Eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of Edith L. Morgan, widow of Altie M. Morgan, late of Company G, Twenty-second Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the two minor children of the said Altie M. Morgan until they reach the age of 16 years.

The name of George C. Rimes, late of Company E. Thirty-fifth Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

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The name of Etta M. Browning, widow of Isaac R. Browning, late of Company C, First Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the three minor children of the said Isaac R. Browning until they reach the age of 16 years.

The name of Sarah B. Greene, dependent mother of Benjamin J. Greene, late of the United States Navy, Regular Establishment, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of Ethan H. Allen, late of Company A, Second Regiment United States Volunteer Engineers, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$17 per month.

The name of Edward Blackmer, late of Company G, First Regiment Wyoming Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Annie Neate, widow of John S, Neate, late of the Hospital Corps, United States Army, Regular Establishment, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of Charles H. Payne, late of Company D, First Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Fred A. Angelo, late of Troop C, Thirteenth Regiment United States Cavalry, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Lavinia M, Goe, widow of James B, Goe, late major of the Nineteenth Regiment United States Infantry, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Nicholi L. Nelson. late of Company E, Tenth Regiment United States Infantry, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Wuliss Boer, late of Company E, Thirty-second Regime

The name of William M. Largent, late of Troop M. Fifth Regiment United States Cavalry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$17 per month.

The name of John P. Hickel, late of Troop A, First Regiment United States Cavalry, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$24 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Mary A, Dancey, widow of Obe Dancey, late of Company G, Fourth Regiment Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of Clara H. Lambert, widow of James F. Lambert, late of Company D, Third Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the three minor children of the said James F. Lambert until they reach the age of 16 years.

The name of Edith V. Bowman, widow of Thomas E. Bowman, late of One hundred and tenth Company, United States Coast Artillery, Regular Establishment, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of the minor child, Charles T, of the said Thomas E. Bowman until he reaches the age of 16 years.

The name of Webb W. Belknap, late of Company C, Thirty-second Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Douglas D. Powell, late of Company D, Seventh Regiment United States Infantry, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of William Reed, late of Battery F, First Regiment United States Artillery, and Troop H, Third Regiment United States Cavalry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Grant H, Hill, late of Company M, Fourth Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Grant H, Hill, late of Company F, Two hundred and first Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at

The name of Hubert W. Wilson, late captain, Medical Corps, Second Regiment Infantry, Idaho National Guard, Mexican border defense, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is

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The name of James E. Johnson, late of Company A. Fourth Regiment Keatucky Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Lyman F. Gray, late of the United States Navy, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$17 per month.

The name of Carroll A. Cantrell, late of the United States Navy, Kegular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Laura G. Hight, widow of Fielding Hight, late of Capt. Lucas's company, Second Regiment, and Sergt. Capt. Brewster's company, First Regiment, Georgia Volunteers, Indian war, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of Martha Johnson, widow of Merrick Johnson, late of Capt. Morris's independent company, Georgia Mounted Volunteers, Indian war, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of Edward Suckow, late of the United States Navy, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of George Archambault, late of Company C, First Field Artillery Minnesota National Guard, Mexican border defense, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Samuel N. Manro, late of Company B, Ninth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of George P. Vance, late of Company C, Eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Jike Blizzard, late of Company C, Eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

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The name of Jules J. Toffier, late of Company I, Second Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$36 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Clara A. Crosby, widow of Arthur G. Crosby, late of Company F, Thirteenth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month, and \$2 additional per month on account of each of the three minor children of the said Arthur G. Crosby until they reach the age of 16 years.

The name of James H. Powell, late of Company G. Eleventh Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Henry Graf, late of Troop A, Seventh Regiment United States Cavalry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Ellen Mulligan, widow of John E. Mulligan Market Cavalry.

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The name of Ellen Mulligan, widow of John F. Mulligan, late of Company E, Battalion United States Engineers, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of the minor child, Agnes, of the said John F. Mulligan, until she reaches the age of 16 years.

The name of Ollie Laehn, widow of Charles W, Laehn, late of Company A, Fiftleth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and the Sixty-eighth Company United States Coast Artillery, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the three minor children of the said Charles W. Laehn until they reach the age of 16 years.

The name of Arthur F. Stowelf, late of the Twenty-third Battery United States Field Artillery, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Jesse D. Nelson, late of Company G, First United States Infantry, and Company E, First Regiment Korth Carolina Volunteer Infantry, war with Spain. and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of James A. Swaim, late of Company K, Thirty-third Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

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The name of Elizabeth W. Messer, widow of John D. Spittler, late of Company C, First United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of Almalo Davis, widow of Leonard Davis, late of Company E, Fifth Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of Almalo Javis, widow of Leonard Davis, late of Company E, Fifth Regiment United States Infantry, War with

The name of Lawson Ellsworth, late of Company C, one hundred and sixtieth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per mouth in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Emma L. Green, dependent mother of Frank M. Green, alias Marshall F. Green, late of Company D, First Regiment South Carolina Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving. The name of Charles W. Kerlee, late of Troop I, First Regiment United States Cavalry, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Catherine Mahady, dependent mother of John J. Mahady, late of Battery E, First Field Artillery Minnesota National Guards, Mexican border defense, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

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The name of James P. Dooley, helpless child of James Dooley, late of Company B, Second Regiment Indiana Volunteers, War with Mexico, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Richard Groebe, late of Troop B, Sixth Regiment United States Cavairy, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Katle Clifford, widow of Jerry Clifford, late of Company H, Twenty-first Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of each of the six minor children of the said Jerry Clifford until they reach the age of 16 years.

The name of Charles H. Hearing, late of Company A. Third Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$17 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Frances L. Young, dependent mother of Henry E. Young, late of Company K, Sixteenth Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of Joseph R. Cook, late of Company F, One hundred and sixty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of William James McDermett, late of Company H, First Regiment Colorado Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Fred F. Newell, late of Company G, Nineteenth Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Susan E. Brown, widow of Jesse Brown, late of Company D, Third Regiment United States Dragoons, War with Mexico, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

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The name of Thomas R. Poole, late of Company K, Ninth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Salathiel Woodruff, late of Company H, Second Battalion United States Engineers, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Joseph Jiles, late of Company F, Fifteenth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Frank H. Campbell, late of band, First Regiment North Carolina Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Henry A. Jaegle, late of Company M, Tenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of James H. Schneider, late of Company C, First Regiment Arkansas Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$17 per month.

The name of Lafayette York, late of Companies H and C, Fourth Regiment Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Mary A. Lawson, widow of Spencer B. Lawson, late of Company E, Fifth Regiment Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, War with Mexico, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of Thomas A. Jenkins, late of One hundred and seventieth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Regular Establishment, and pay him

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The name of Thomas A. Jenkins, late of One hundred and seventieth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$17 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Carrie E. Dennis, dependent mother of Guy C. Dennis, late of Company C, Ninth Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in ileu of that she is now receiving.

The name of Lafayette Martin, late of Company G, Fifteenth Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$30 per month.

The name of Louis H. Krafft, late of Company D, Second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Charles Depue, late of Company D, Eighteenth Regiment United States Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Walter Sewell, late of Company I, Fourth Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Sarah Ann Cantrell, widow of Merril Cantrell, late of Walter's Company and captain of a company, Georgia Volunteers, Indian Wars, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of Addie Burns, widow of Thomas Burns, late of Company I, Second Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Way with Mexico, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

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The name of Mary E. Wainright, dependent mother of James M. Wainright, late of Company F, First Regiment Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of Herbert R. Dodd, late of Company F, Second Regiment Virginia Volunteer Infantry. War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Rebecca Strouther, dependent mother of Charles Strouther, late of Company G, Forty-ninth Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of Belle R. Reid, dependent mother of Wayne R. Jacobs, late of Company A, First Regiment Colorado Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of James Duff, late of Company I, First Regiment Florida Volunteer Infantry, War With Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

The name of Mary S. Hollinshead, widow of Rueben P. Hollinshead, late of Company H, First Regiment South Carolina Volunteer Infantry, and Hospital Corps, United States Army, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month.

The name of Alice A. Thorburn, dependent mother of Orin B. Thorburn, late of Company B, Thirty-fourth Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$20 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

The name of Charles Schiller, late of Troop B, First Regiment United States Cavalry, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$17 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Gustav T. W. Schmidt, late of Battery F, Fifth United States Artillery, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving.

The name of Lois E. Magee, widow of Leon D. Magee, late of Company F, Forty-sixth Regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$25 per month, and \$2 per month additional on account of the minor child, Leon D. Magee, Jr., of the said Leon D. Magee, until he reaches the age of 16 years.

The name of Hugh McGuckain, late of Company I, Fifth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$17 per month.

The foregoing bill is a substitute for the following House bills referred to the Committee on Pensions:

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R. 681. Edith L. Norgan.

R. 830. George C. Rimes.

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R. 1047. Sarah B. Greene.

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R. 2191. Samuel E. Spencer.

R. 2268. Tucker McG. Simmons,

R. 2250. Nicholi L. Nelson.

R. 2498. Rufus Boer.

R. 2648. Tucker McG. Simmons,

R. 2750. William M. Largent.

R. 2760. John P. Hickel.

R. 3750. Mary A. Dancey.

R. 3877. Clara H. Lambert,

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R. 4451. Wm. Reed.

R. 53155. Margaret E. Patton.

H. R. 5162. Grant H. Hill.

R. 5582. Ernst A. Selander.

H. R. 5702. Ora May Larkin.

H. R. 5657. Edward F. O'Toole,

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H. R. 7836. Ellen Mulligan.

H. R. 8319. Arthur F. Stowell.

H. R. 8300. Amelia Davis.

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H. R. 9201. Alfred Ashton.
H. R. 9304. Ambrose M. Barrett.
H. R. 9486. Edward P. Aler.
H. R. 9601. Elizabeth Jones.
H. R. 9710. John M. Flynn.
H. R. 9762. Leon P. Chesley.
H. R. 9770. Ruth R. Herrman.
H. R. 9782. Lawson Ellsworth.
H. R. 10003. Emma L. Green.
H. R. 10074. Charles W. Kcrlee.
H. R. 10137. Catherine Mahady.
H. R. 10137. Catherine Mahady.
H. R. 10131. Katie Clifford.
H. R. 10311. Katie Clifford.
H. R. 10391. Charles H. Hearing.
H. R. 10428. Frances L. Young.
H. R. 10599. Joseph R. Cook.
H. R. 10601. William James McDermett.
H. R. 10607. Fred F. Nowell
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H. R. 10778. Henry A. Jaegle.
H. R. 10838. Mary A. Lawson.
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H. R. 10910. Thomas A. Jenkins,
H. R. 10943. Carrie E. Dennis.
H. R. 11081. Lafayette Martin.
H. R. 11149. Louis H. Krafft.
H. R. 11129. Walter Sewell.
H. R. 11288. Sarah Ann Cantrell.
H. R. 11386. Addie Burns.
H. R. 11389. John L. C. Ellis.
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H. R. 11976. Hugh McGuckain.
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Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following committee amendment, with the report accompanying it, which I ask to be printed in the RECORD. This amendment is a bill inadvertently left out of the omnibus bill. It has been considered by a subcommittee and by the whole committee, and I ask unanimous consent that the report be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection? There was no objection.

The Clerk read the amendment, as follows:

At the end of the bill insert a new paragraph as follows:
That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Wesley H. Crockett, late of United States Navy, Regular Establishment, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$17 per month.

The amendment was agreed to.

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If. R. 4059. Wesley H. Crockett, Reed City, Mich., served in the Regular Establishment, United States Navy, on board S. S. Minneapolis from July 30, 1903, until October 26, 1903, when honorably discharged on account of disability. (I. O. 50808.)

The records of the Navy Department show that during service this man was admitted to the hospital for treatment October 10, 1903, for a disease diagnosed as neuresthenia and for disease of nervous system.

He was treated for this and it was pronounced chronic and he was discharged on account of said disease, which was officially held to have existed prior to his enlistment, three months before, and therefore not

charged on account of said disease, which was officially held to have existed prior to his enlistment, three months before, and therefore not due to service.

He filed claim for pension in 1904, in which he alleged neuresthenia and claimed that same was due to service in the United States Navy, which was rejected on the ground the records of the Navy Department show that said disease existed prior to enlistment.

On appeal this adverse action was sustained. He filed no evidence other than the testimony of two lay witnesses to the effect that prior to his enlistment he was free from any disease or disability, but that since discharge he has suffered constantly from nervous disorder of a chronic character and is unable to perform manual labor. He also files testimony of a physician showing that since his discharge he has suffered from this disease.

The only board of surgeous which ever examined him reported in 1904 that he suffers from disease of heart and deranged stomach and trouble with the nervous system, evidently neuresthenia, and that there is no evidence of venereal disease or results.

With the bill the petitioner files an affidavit in which he states he is unable to perform labor on account of disease of the nervous system, stomach, and heart, and that the only property he owns is a small lot worth \$100 in Reed City. The Member who introduces the bill assures the committee that his statement as to property is correct. A physician testifies that he suffers from chronic disordered nervous system, with disease of stomach, liver, and spieen.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I offer the follow-

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following amendment, which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Page 2, line 11, after the word "receiving," insert a new paragraph, as follows:

"The name of Thomas John Parker, late of the United States Marine Corps, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month in lieu of that he is now receiving."

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I have asked special consideration for this case for reasons which I shall endeavor to make clear. The Committee on Pensions has a series of rules. They are not rules of the House but are rules of the committee. One of them, rule 3, is as follows:

Rule 3: In no instance will a bill be considered by this committee in connection with which the records of the War or Navy Departments show medical treatment for syphilis, or other venereal disease of an aggravated character, unless the Bureau of Pensions has specifically waived same as a factor in present disabilities, or cause of death.

I have no objection to the enforcement of that rule by the committee, if it did not in some instances work a hardship upon soldiers and sailors; but, due to some agitation in the House heretofore, the committee has felt bound, as I am informed, to adhere strictly to this rule, and to make no exceptions so far as applications for pensions are concerned. Of course, I am in favor of the passage of the bill as reported by the committee. I have asked consideration for the amendment only because I believe there is merit in it and because in this particular instance I think the rule of the committee should be waived. think it ought to be waived in the interest of fairness, in the Mr. HUDDLESTON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Yes.

Mr. HUDDLESTON. I just want to suggest that this committee has the power to waive the rule in a particular case,

and in particular cases we do waive it.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. That is all the more reason why the House in which we are now considering this bill should act sympathetically in a case of this kind. Before introducing this bill-and I have very few pension bills and give the committee little trouble-I took pains to find out what was the real reason for the application, and ascertained that the applicant, Parker, who lives in my district and is now 71 years old, a United States marine in the earlier part of his life, was being supported by his wife, who maintains a small tobacco store, from which, I understand, she is now to be ousted. For 40 years this woman has lived with Thomas J. Parker and has maintained him out of the proceeds of her little tobacco store, which, I understand, has not amounted to more than \$10 a week. I was satisfied there was great need in this case before introducing the bill; so careful, in fact, that I had my secretary personally investigate the case and report the conditions. found the old couple living together in a small home, the husband crippled and blind and the wife doing the best she could to maintain him. She provided for him and attended him, and while both of them are aged and had been living together for 40 years there was nothing in their home life or physical condition apparently to warrant the suggestion that the husband had been afflicted as indicated. Moreover, they had two healthy children living, one with a family and another contributing somewhat to their support.

Mr. KNUTSON. What do the records of the War Department show as to the cause of this blindness?

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. I looked into that when found that the committee felt it had to stand by its rule in this case, and learned that although this same condition was charged against the man when his original application was made, he was granted a pension of \$12 per month. Bear in

mind he is now 71 years old. He was granted a pension of \$12 because it was a disputed question among the physicians as to whether the blindness which he suffered was due to rheumatism that he contracted while attending the Boston fire or due to this other disease concerning which the committee held out against him and which he was said to have incurred in 1868. I found on looking it up that the whole matter had been thoroughly thrashed over in the Sixty-first Congress, second session, by the committee in charge at that time and that the following record had been made. Upon this record the pension of \$12 a month was granted him:

The sailor was one of a detachment from the marine barracks who performed arduous and hazardous duty during the Boston fire of 1872, being on duty in the streets for 10 days without relief. There is both medical and lay testimony as to continuance of rheumatism fairly covering the whole period between discharge and the date of application for pension. Of these physicians, some five in number, who testified for the claimant, two were emphatic in their statements that no syphilitic symptoms were to be found, and the others failed to mention same. It is in evidence that sailor entered the Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, October 10, 1881, and that the cause for which he was treated there by Dr. W. W. McClure during the ensuing six months and at intervals thereafter was rheumatic iritis. The sole question in the case is whether the blindness had its origin in the venereal disease of 1868.

Think of it! Whatever the offense was occurred in 1868. Subsequently the man married and subsequently became blind. During all these 40 years this good woman, who is healthy, but aging, has cared for and supported her blind sailor husband. there was anything wrong with him, why did the Sixty-first Congress grant him a pension of \$12? The testimony does not seem to bear out the suggestion that blindness was due to what occurred before his marriage away back in 1868. testimony bears out the statement that his eye trouble was due to the rheumatic affliction resulting from his service at the Boston fire in 1872. Let the committee stand by its rule in ordinary cases, I have no objection; but let the committee see the justice of making an exception in this. I have asked in this instance that the pension be raised from \$12 to \$50. If that is too much I am willing to accept \$30, but I believe the issue might just as well be upon \$50 as \$30. The facts are that the man is blind and helpless; that he has to rely upon an aged woman to maintain him. For her sake, who has borne this charge for 40 years, the committee should be just. If this old misfortune had not arisen, if this red herring, as it were, had not been drawn across the path of this pensioner, I suppose the committee would cheerfully on the known facts, the man being blind and helpless and needing a nurse, have given a pension of \$50 a month. I understand the committee has granted as high as \$75 a month, but in this instance they might grant \$50 since the facts seem so clearly to warrant it.

The SPEAKER. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. KEY of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield five minutes to the

gentleman from Colorado [Mr. KEATING].

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair will permit that to be done, although it is contrary to the rule. Is there

ojection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none. Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, this is a very simple case. The Committee on Pensions has applied exactly the same rule in this case that it has in scores of other cases. If you reverse the committee in this case, in all fairness you should go back and in some way reverse the committee in a score of cases where during the last several years we have applied this rule. Now, the rule is that where the Pension Bureau makes a definite finding that a man's disabilities are directly traceable to syphilis not incurred in the service he shall not be granted a pension, That is all there is to the rule-

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Will my colleague yield? Mr. KEATING. The gentleman from Pennsylvania, of course, challenges the finding of the Pension Bureau; but I submit that the physicians employed in the bureau have no object in doing an injustice to a claimant for a pension. They make such an investigation as is quite impossible for your committee or the Members of this House or the gentleman from Pennsylvania to make, and those physicians found that the man's blindness was due to syphilis, which of course was not contracted in the service

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. In 1868.

Mr. KEATING. In 1868; I do not care what the date may That is the finding, and now the gentleman comes in here and tells you a pathetic story about the man, about the excellent reputation he bears, that his wife bears, and that his children bear; but I submit all that has nothing to do with the case. This is a question of whether this House in all seriousness is going on record now as reversing a committee which adheres to a rule that a man who incurs disabilities through loose living and not because of something that he did for his country shall be placed on the honor roll of his country.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. And he is already there.

Mr. KEATING. He is, by a special act adopted during the Sixty-first Congress, put through here probably before this rule was adopted by the Pension Committee.

Mr. KEY of Ohio. It was.

Mr. KEATING. The Pension Committee adopted the rule because of discussion had on the floor of this House in which the committee was criticized for passing just such bills as the gentleman is endeavoring to insert in this omnibus measure, and the committee felt it ought to adopt such a rule to protect itself, to protect this House, and to protect the pension roll of his Nation. I hope the Members of this House are not prepared to place on this bill such a claim as the gentleman presents even in response to so affecting an appeal as he makes.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

The question was taken, and the Speaker announced the noes seemed to have it.

On a division (demanded by Mr. Moore of Pennsylvania) there were—ayes 16, noes 27.

So the amendment was rejected.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time,

was read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Key of Ohio, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed was laid on the table.

URGENT DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill H. R. 12280, a bill making appropriations for urgent deficiencies, and pending that motion I ask unanimous consent that general debate be dispensed with.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Kentucky asks unanimous consent pending the motion, that general debate be dis-

Is there objection?

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I have application for 10 minutes and I would like about 5 minutes myself.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that general debate be limited to 30 minutes, 15 minutes to be controlled by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Cannon] and 15 minutes by myself.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Kentucky asks unanimous consent that general debate be limited to 30 minutes, onehalf of that time to be controlled by himself and one-half by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Cannon]. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none. The question is on going into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill H. R. 12280, the urgent deficiency bill, with Mr. Houston in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN. The House is in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill H. R. 12280, which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

A bill (H. R. 12280) making appropriations to supply additional urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, on account of war expenses, and for other purposes.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the first reading of the bill be dispensed with.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection? [After a pause.]

The Chair hears none.

Mr. SHERLEY. I suggest the gentleman from Illinois use some of his time.

Mr. Chairman, I have no desire to take up Mr. CANNON. much time upon this bill in general debate. What little I shall have to say will be touching the bill. The gentleman from Kentucky, who, no doubt, is more familiar with the bill than I am, will explain it in his 15 minutes, or as the bill is reached under the five-minute rule.

just want to call attention to the bill. It carries in round numbers \$123,000,000; it recommends appropriations and authorizations, and as I recollect it, in round numbers about \$5,000,-000 less than estimated for. It was prepared after very considerable hearings and after much of consideration. I will not attempt to analyze it in my time.

The appropriations through this fiscal year, since the commencement of the war, amount to \$18,892,027.56, and contracts have been authorized in addition to the amount of \$2,511,-562,925.50, adding the amount the deficiency carried in this bill, \$123,674,906.25, and the amount appropriated by act of March 28, \$1,151,000,000, making a total for the current fiscal year of \$22,678,507,127.79

The House has done its duty according to its best judgment and ability. I think both the House and Senate have freely and liberally cooperated in giving legislation that will enable the war to be conducted efficiently for the first year, and I pray at an early date it will be a successful close for our country as well as for our allies and the world,

Now, I want to say that you do not know and I do not know how the most of this money is to be spent. Oh, it is to be spent for the support of the Army, support of the Navy, the building of ships, advances to the allies. The money is to be expended by the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, the President

of the United States.

Now, no great amount like the sum we have appropriated this year can be expended without waste. There must be some waste. God alone could make the expenditure of this vast sum without something of waste. We are entitled, however, to believe and demand that we will have the minimum of waste. All that human patriotism can do, all of knowledge that can be com-All that manded, all of integrity that can be brought to the front, shall be brought to the front, and there will be as little waste as possible. But whether it be little or more, we must wait and see.

I am not here to prophesy that there will be undue waste. we are to have reckless waste or wicked graft at all, it will be bad enough at the close of the war for us to realize it. But in the meantime, as the expenditures are being made, we should inquire to the best of our ability, without blocking the wheels for carrying on the war, what can be done to prevent waste

and prevent graft.

Of course, we are all for the winning of the war. There can not be a speech made by anybody, hardly, but that it closes with "the flag," "the Republic," "humanity," "the winning of the war," "righteousness." Well, we are fighting for all those things. Sometimes it is on the tip of my tongue to fall in and make language avowing my patriotic support of the Government in this great emergency. Words are cheap unless action is wise

Not everyone that sayeth "Lord, Lord," shall enter into the kingdom, but he that doeth the will of the Father.

And we have got to do it-not the will of the Father from day to day, because He does not send us special messages—but we have got to act to the best of our ability according to the aspirations and the hope of the people in order to win the war. And whoever fails in doing his duty, whether he is legislator or whether he is in the Army or the Navy, no matter where he is, must answer for patriotic and intelligent effort. [Applause.]

Mr. Chairman, I yield 10 minutes to the gentleman from New

York [Mr. MAGEE].

Mr. MAGEE. Mr. Chairman, I am very much interested in appropriations by Congress. And I was very much interested in what the President stated to us only a few moments ago. I do not recall the exact language the President used, but in substance, as I remember, it was that we could go home or in some way render an account of our stewardship to the people.

Now, I do not know what account of stewardship I can render. When I go home, my people ask me, "What are you doing with the billions and billions of dollars that Congress is appropriat-I have to answer that I do not know. They can not

understand that.

Now, the former distinguished chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Mr. Fitzgerald, last December estimated, as I recall, that the Government would need \$12,000,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919. From what information I now can get, the Committee on Military Affairs of the House will ask for that amount alone. It seems to me that at the rate we are going, by June 30, 1919, if war continues that long, we shall probably be called upon to authorize expenditures aggregating \$40,000,000,000.

Now, there is no question about the temperament of the American people. They are willing to contribute the last cent they have to carry on this war and win it. But they want to know where their money is going-what you are doing with it.

I remember on a former occasion here, when the present distinguished chairman of the Committee on Appropriations criticized the late Maj. Gardner of Massachusetts because, as I recall, that distinguished hero had stated in some public utterance "that Congress was spending money like a lot of drunken sailors." I do not wish to speak in a spirit of criticism or in a spirit of partisanship. I have voted for every war measure demanded by the Executive for the successful prosecution of the war since I have been a Member of the House. There has not been any spirit of partisanship in my actions or in my statements. But I must say, to speak the way I feel about it, that the expression "that we spend money like a lot of drunken sailors" is a mild one. We vote and spend money like a lot of rubber stamps, and we never ask one question as to what is being done with it. I remember that here about a year ago we

appropriated with a whoop one morning, with hardly any discussion—I think without any debate—some \$640,000,000 for air-

craft work.

Where has that money gone? I do not know, and you do not know. Now and then we get a sniff from Hog Island, Muscle Shoals, or the Arlington Hotel property. I do not know what the character of that sniff is, but I do not believe I am performing my constitutional duty under my oath of office without making an attempt to find out. Do you think that you perform your duty, your responsibility as Members of the House, in voting away billions and billions of money without making any effort to see whether those moneys are expended lawfully and wisely and economically? If you feel that way about it, I do not. But you do not concern yourselves about it.

Under the Constitution all revenue legislation must originate in the House, yet you never say a word or lift your voice as to the proper expenditure of the public funds. The Senate has done much more than we have, and yet it seems to me there is not as much obligation upon the Senate as rests upon Members of the House. It will lead to a public scandal if you do not move.

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I introduced a resolution here on April 6, No. 305, to provide for a committee on public accounts, in order that we might have some body that could properly investigate and make a report to the House as to the expenditure of public funds. I do not suppose anything will be done about it. It looks to me as if Members of Congress are impervious to everything except office and death. As to office they are very sensitive, and death they can

not escape.

It does not seem to me that the financial resources of this country are inexhaustible. You have not got a bottomless well. We owe it to ourselves and to our country to husband our financial resources, in my judgment, if we are going to win this war, with the same care that we conserve the food products of this country. I call upon you again to take some means—I do not care whether you take my means or not—in order that the House and the country may know what is being done with the people's money. They are willing to give all they have if they know that it will be properly expended.

Why, there is not a subdivision of any State, like a munici-

Why, there is not a subdivision of any State, like a municipality, that does not have an expert accountant go over the expenditures of that municipality and render a report to the legislative body thereof. Yet we sit here in the House like a lot of mummies and are willing to vote perhaps \$40,000,000,000 away without any care or concern as to how those moneys will be expended. We are willing, I guess, to vote away all the power

we have and say nothing about it.

Sometimes I wonder what has become of the Sage of Monticello. Has he turned over in his grave, with his face toward the melting pot of the earth, while his professed followers wantonly abandon the great principles he advocated, for which he fought, and to the maintenance of which he dedicated his life? It seems to me that we owe it to ourselves and to the country to do business in a businesslike way. You go upon your knees and beg the people to give to the Red Cross, to the war chest, to buy liberty bonds and thrift stamps, and all that sort of thing, and yet you refuse on the part of the Government to set any example of any degree of thrift yourselves. I tell you it is high time that the Government showed some disposition to exercise a little thrift and economy in public expenditures, and I warn you again and call upon you for action—affirmative action—before it is too late. [Applause.]

We are informed that additional revenue will be raised by increasing taxes upon incomes and excess profits and upon luxuries. It seems to me that we need to exercise some caution to avoid killing the goose that lays the golden egg. As to luxuries, of course we can tax them until the people no longer indulge in

them.

As New York State pays between 30 and 40 per cent of all Federal taxes, the people of that State are vitally interested in the question of taxation. We would like to know why a portion of the increased revenues can not be raised from a protective tariff. It has been estimated that \$300,000,000 a year can reasonably be raised by such means, thus relieving our own tax-payers to that extent; and then there is cotton. What about that? But perhaps that is too sacred a commodity for the extraordinarily nonpartisan majority to tax. [Applause.]

Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend

my remarks in the RECORD.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from New York asks unanimous consent to revise and extend his remarks in the Record, Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Sherley] is recognized for 15 minutes.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Chairman, I shall not undertake to delay the committee by any reply to the gentleman who has just taken his seat. I am always glad to commend and never in any way hinder, by criticism or otherwise, newly aroused desire for economy on the part of any Member of the House. But I suggest in passing, in a not unkindly spirit, that a good deal of the ignorance to which the gentleman confesses and about which I am not prepared to dispute, could be dissipated by his reading some of the hearings in connection with some of the bills that are brought out. Of course, many of those of us who work more than eight hours a day for many days each month and take testimony running into the thousands of pages are not to be blamed if gentlemen decline to make the effort to read and digest such testimony and if by virtue of that failure, not being in possession of all of the information they would like to have, they prefer to take the course of criticism rather than of affirmative action.

Mr. Chairman, the present bill before the House carries a total of direct appropriations and authorizations of \$123,674,906.25, and while the aggregate is large, the reasons for the amounts recommended can be stated. I think, fully and briefly. Sixty million dollars of it is in compliance with the direct order of the Congress recently given in passing the housing bill, which authorized an expenditure of \$60,000,000 for housing purposes.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield for

a question?

Mr. SHERLEY. Certainly.

Mr. MADDEN. I would like to have the gentleman tell us of the special advantage he thinks there is in the organization of a corporation to take charge of this work?

Mr. SHERLEY. I had hoped to reach that under the fiveminute rule, rather than in the midst of a brief statement.

Mr. MADDEN. The reason I asked that now is because the gentleman has just mentioned the housing matter.

Mr. SHERLEY. The reason is this, and I think it will appeal to the gentleman: It is perfectly manifest that this housing problem does not consist merely in the building of houses by the Government. For my part I hope it will consist least in that. But it consists in part in house building and in operating those houses after they are built. Now, of necessity there is a rigidity and, for want of a better term, a red tape in connection with Government operation which makes it very difficult to carry on efficiently such a continuing business. So much so that the gentleman will recall that in connection with the building of the Panama Canal practically all of the business connected with certain lines of work, such as the maintenance and running of the hotels, the ice plant, and other things, were effected through the medium of the Panama Railroad cor-Gentlemen will also recall that in connection with the Shipping Board and its activities it was thought that for the purpose of operating the ships and conducting the business that was incident to them it was desirable to have a corporation, Government owned, and accordingly the Emergency Fleet Corporation was created.

This is not made mandatory. It is simply given to the President as an option, because of the belief on the part of the committee that there might be the need of such a medium for successfully carrying out the objects of the original legislation.

Mr. MADDEN. In other words, the committee believes that it will be more likely to be conducted as a strictly business proposition under this plan?

Mr. SHERLEY. Very much so, more economically, and with

less approach to socialism by virtue of it.

Now, continuing the statement touching the items in the bill, the other large item in the way of cash is \$25,907,000 for the Navy. This represents a number of items, all of which are set out in some detail in the report. Pay, miscellaneous, \$1,250,000. The gentleman who spoke a few minutes ago [Mr. Magee] wanted to know where a good deal of money is going. Some of it is going in the same way that this item of a million and a quarter goes, to the increased size of the Navy. Transportation of enlisted personnel, \$1,000.000. The same statement applies to that. Ordnance and ordnance stores, \$4,500,000.

Mr. LONGWORTH. Will the gentleman yield at that point?

Mr. SHERLEY, Yes.

Mr. LONGWORTH. Is the gentleman advised as to whether any effort will be made to build a nitrate plant out of this?

Mr. SHERLEY. No; but I should say to the gentleman that if it were necessary to get powder and to get nitrates, and they did not take steps to do it, he and I would be the first men on this floor to criticize the failure properly to furnish the most essential thing in connection with the prosecution of the war.

Mr. LONGWORTH. Oh, assuredly, I entirely agree with the gentleman; but the gentleman will recall that out of a similar

bill reported and passed under the gentleman's direction not very long ago, more than \$50,000,000 was taken without a word of

Mr. SHERLEY. Yes; and the answer to that lies, not in the fact that it was taken but whether it was taken and spent wisely; and about that fact the Committee on Appropriations hope to be able to give to the House further information.

Mr. LONGWORTH. I would be very glad if the committee

would.

Mr. SHERLEY. I know the gentleman will be glad, and I am quite sure that I will be glad to give the gentleman the informa-

Mr. MADDEN. Will the gentleman yield for another ques-I do not want to embarrass the gentleman. tion?

Mr. SHERLEY, Certainly. The gentleman never embar-

rasses me.

asses me. I am glad to yield.

Mr. MADDEN. It occurs to me, and perhaps there is no way to remedy it, but I thought it might be wise to call the gentleman's attention to it, so that in investigating deficiencies he might care to look into it, or he might not think it worth while to look into it. For example, transferring men in the Army 8, 10, or 15 times from one place to another before they are finally located—whether some system ought not to be put into effect that would prevent the wasteful extravagance brought about in these transfers.

Mr. SHERLEY. I am inclined to agree with the gentleman that there can be, and ought to be, a reformation in the matter of travel expense for both the services, and I have taken occasion, not once but a number of times, to express to men having the matter in charge the hope that they would very carefully guard against such abuses. But in response to the gentleman's inquiry I want to say that it is perfectly manifest that no man, no matter what his capacity, can hope to undertake to go into a review of expenditures that total billions of dollars without such delay as to preclude his appropriating other moneys that are needed at the time when needed. If the committee may be allowed to say it fairly and modestly, I believe that it has made as full inquiry, not only touching this bill but every other bill that it has reported, as is possible in the time at its disposal. And may I repeat again that if gentlemen would sometimes read our hearings they would have a better appreciation of what the committee has endeavored to do in arriving at the facts.

Mr. MADDEN. I am sure the committee is doing everything that it can do. The question I asked has no bearing on this bill

Mr. SHERLEY. I understand that. Mr. MADDEN. But I have noticed that sometimes whole units will be ordered, say, to Fort Dodge, and then to Fort Sam Houston, and then to Fort Hancock, and then to some other port before they are finally located. It seems to me that there ought

to be some way to reach that.

Mr. SHERLEY. The real way to reach it, and the only way to reach it, is through the efficiency of the military organization itself. I had occasion a week or so ago to call attention to a report recently made by a select committee of the House of Commons of the British Parliament in connection with the munitions portfolio. There was in that report a statement that was strikingly familiar in sound. That was, in substance, that the only thing that stood between the English taxpayer and the extravagant expenditure of money was the wisdom and the efficiency of the administrative officers who were charged with the expenditure, and that statement is just as true of America as it is of England, and it is true of both, not by virtue of the existence or the absence of any legislative machinery but by virtue of the facts that are inherent in the case. When a war is going on time is so important that investigation to prevent extravagance, if undertaken at the time of the appropriation, results in such delay as to be unjustifiable, and all you can do is when you find specific abuses to correct them as well as you can, and to impress, as I have endeavored to impress upon every administrative officer who has come before the committee, the solemn responsibility that rests upon him at this time to protect the Government against useless expenditure of money.

Mr. ROGERS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SHERLEY. Yes.
Mr. ROGERS. I want to ask the gentleman a question of detail merely. About two years ago certain fire insurance companies in the country got into a controversy with the Treasury Department as to the tax that they should pay under the revenue act. Of course, they paid the amount assessed by the Treasury Department and then brought proceedings for a rebate. These proceedings were decided in their favor, and in many cases agreements were entered into in their favor about a year ago. I have inquired of the Treasury Department a number of times about the payment of the claim, and they said

that they had no money available for the purpose and have been inclined to suggest that Congress was derelict in not making the appropriation.

Mr. SHERLEY. Their suggestion was gratuitous and unwarranted. When they certify the claims to Congress, if they are proper and just claims, regularly audited, they will be carried in the general deficiency bill.

Mr. ROGERS. The Treasury Department has never certified them to Congress?

Mr. SHERLEY. I am informed by the clerk that they have not come to the Committee on Appropriations and I have no

knowledge that they ever have been certified.

Now, Mr. Chairman, there is an addition to the large sums I have mentioned-\$33,000,000 authorized for the Medical Corps. That \$33,000,000 embraces a number of items-supplies, drugs, gas masks, motor ambulances, and various and sundry things. We gave an authorization because it was perfectly apparent from the financial statement made by the medical officers that they had on hand more money than they would actually expend between now and the 1st of July. But that money was obligated and was therefore held to meet obligations that would accrue from time to time, and unless they stopped the sup-plies—and this was particularly true as to the manufacture of gas masks-it was necessary that they be authorized, either by voting the cash or an authorization to continue the flow. The committee realized that the Military Affairs Committee would carry appropriations in the Army bill for this purpose and felt it was better to make the authorization than to give them the cash, due to the fact that if in the future it developed that the moneys that were given were not entirely needed they would be able to take care of the authorization without having the temptation of expending \$33,000,000 additional. Mr. McKENZIE. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SHERLEY. Yes. Mr. McKENZIE. I wish to ask the gentleman from Kentucky what effect this item will have on our appropriation bill?

Mr. SHERLEY. It will have simply this effect: The Military Affairs Committee will appropriate a good many times more than \$33,000,000, and they will take up this authorization out of those moneys, and if these moneys are not sufficient they will come for additional money. The gentleman need not worry; the Medical Corps, with all of its virtues, has not failed in modesty of requests touching appropriations.

Mr. McKENZIE. That was one thing in my mind; I could not understand why they should come to the Appropriations Com-

mittee and ask an authorization of this character.

Mr. SHERLEY. To prevent laches. I will give the gentleman a concrete illustration. For instance, the Government is engaged in the manufacture of gas masks. Now, that manufacture must continue, and to continue many things must be ordered in advance. If they were to be denied, this money and have to wait until the 1st of July, that would leave a hiatus or stoppage in the flow of supplies and in the work carried on in the Government assembly plants and would greatly interfere with the manufacture of the gas masks at the rate they are seeking to furnish them.

Mr. McKENZIE. If the Army appropriation bill had had the right of way in preference to this bill, there would have

been no necessity for this authorization, would there?

Mr. SHERLEY. It would depend upon whether the items in the Army appropriation bill were immediately available. would also depend upon whether there was an actual deficiency Where there is an actual deficiency the Military in these cases. Committee can not undertake within its jurisdiction to deal with it.

These, Mr. Chairman, constitute the large items that go to make up the total of \$123,000,000. There are a number of pieces of legislation proposed, all of it administrative in character, because the committee has very carefully refrained from attempting to usurp the jurisdiction of legislative committees by carrying legislation in the bill. They will be found set out, as is the uniform practice of the Committee on Appropriations, in the report submitted to the House, printed in italics, so that every Member of the House who wants to exercise ordinary diligence can advise himself in detail of any proposed legislation. are found on pages 3 and 4 of the report.

There is a request of considerable size for additional personal service in the War Department. The committee has never in the past allowed the full amount asked by the War Department for additional personal help. It has felt that it was well to give to the War Department the need to constantly reexamine its estimates as to the need of additional service in order that there might be taken up the slack that is inevitable in a bureau that has had the great and sudden expansion that this has had. The committee is glad to say to the House that it believes that there is a more keen appreciation and realization on the part of the War Department of the need of further carefully scrutinizing the demand in the way of additional clerks, and that steps have been taken and are now on the way for a careful inspection of the bureaus of that department looking to the elimination of unnecessary employees. The committee has met the situation by an appropriation which it believes is sufficient for the department to the 1st of July.

Mr. McKENZIE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield? Mr. SHERLEY. Yes. Mr. McKENZIE. Is the \$900,000 mentioned on page 6 of the bill to take care of deficiencies between now and the 1st of

Mr. SHERLEY. It is to carry their existing organizations to the 1st of July, and to allow not what they estimated for the increase between now and then, but for what the committee estimate ought to be the increase between now and then. Most of it is to take care of the existing personnel. The gentleman will also notice that there is a provision which limits to five people the number that can be employed under this fund at salaries as high as \$5,000 each. The department urged that the amount be placed at \$7,500, and that they be not limited as to the number, and the Secretary himself presented rather strong reasons in favor of that. In view of the well-known sentiment of the House the committee did not feel justified in going that far, but it did feel that it was warranted in permitting five men to be employed at not more than \$5,000 each. Chairman, this Government is faced with a realization that it either has to accept the voluntary services of men, and then be subject to all of the criticism that grows out of that practice, or it must pay real salaries to get real men of ability. In life you never get something for nothing, and particularly is that true of the Government.

Mr. Chairman, I shall hope, in the consideration of the bill, to advise the committee touching any item that is in it respecting which inquiry may be made. In order not to delay its consideration I ask for the reading of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will read the bill.

The Clerk read as follows:

For carrying out the provisions of the act entitled "An act to authorize the President to provide housing for war needs," approved May 16, 1918, including rental of offices in the District of Columbia, contingent and miscellaneous expenses, printing and binding, and personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$60,000,000, to continue available during the fiscal year 1919.

Section 7 of the act entitled "An act to authorize the President to provide housing for war needs," approved May 16, 1918, is amended to read as follows:

Mr. ROBBINS. Mr. Chairman, I more to strike out the last

Mr. ROBBINS. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last word for the purpose of asking the chairman of the committee a question in respect to the housing proposition. Has the department adopted a plan to be worked out as a general proposition in providing houses by which they ask the people in the community to organize companies and subscribe a certain portion of money, and then the War Department through the General War Board or the Housing Commission, I believe they term it, will supply the remainder? For instance, if the local people supply 80 per cent, will the Housing Commission supply 20 per cent, or what is the plan of working out this housing proposition, if any plan has been adopted?

Mr. SHERLEY. I shall endeavor as briefly as I can to answer the gentleman's question, although there are 100 pages of testimony that were taken by the committee in an effort to get an

answer to just such a question.

Mr. ROBBINS. I asked the question in good faith, because

of applicants from my own district.

Mr. SHERLEY. I know that, and I am not quarreling with the gentleman at all. I am just explaining to him that it is a little difficult, as he will appreciate in a moment, to answer briefly his question. The proposed plan or plans will vary according to localities. There was originally created in the Council of National Defense a committee for the purpose of studying housing problems. Out of that committee afterwards grew the creation of a commission in the Department of Labor, of which Mr. Eidlitz is the head, and a number of other prominent gentlemen are associated with him to study this problem.

They undertook to make inquiries into those cases where either the War Department or the Navy Department said to them there was need for housing, and as to those cases where the communities themselves made similar statements and their statements were verified by the department, and then, after a survey, they have tentatively mapped out what they thought was necessary to do. They undertook in each instance to take a preliminary survey, which would determine whether it was possible to house the additional workmen that either had come or were going to those communities in houses already existing-

in other words, to see whether the community had reached what they phrased as the saturation point. They also undertook to determine whether it was possible to open up other localities as tributaries to such manufacturing establishments where the workmen were employed by improving methods of transportation. Failing in either of those methods and having by a survey of the men employed and to be employed come to the conclusion that there was need of additional housing, they then undertook, as far as possible, to get that housing provided by the voluntary action of citizens in the community, or the corporations affected, or by boards of trade, or other civic organizations.

They desire wherever it is practical to aid some organization of the community rather than to undertake directly Government building and Government ownership. In some cases they have been unable to get any sort of local aid. They suggested that they propose in a number of instances to loan 80 per cent of the cost of building a given number of houses, the loan to be made to a subsidiary corporation created for that purpose by the corporation employing the workmen for whom housing is sought. For instance, the Bethlehem Steel Co. might create a subsidiary corporation which would agree to furnish the land and 20 per cent of the cost of the building, and the Government would then furnish the additional 80 per cent, taking a first mortgage upon the houses so built, and in some instances with an agreement as a part of the terms of the loan that within a period of five years after the close of the war, there should be a valuation of the property to determine what it would cost to reproduce it as it was in the first instance, and to the extent that that represented a less sum than the actual cost, the mortgage should be reduced. In other words, the Government in such cases is assuming what might be called the war cost of building. If, for instance, 100 houses were constructed at \$3,000 each, and it was determined after the war upon a valuation that those houses could be constructed at the time of such valuation for \$2,800 each, there would be a wiping off of \$200 for each house upon the entire 100 houses, and to that extent the mortgage which had been taken by the Government would be Touching the rest of it, there should be considered satisfied. paid 5 per cent interest as the law passed by Congress provided, and at the termination of the period of the loan, the payment of the principal. That has been the plan proposed in a number of cases. In some other instances, particularly in connection with navy yards where the Government owns the establishment that needs to have the housing for its workmen, it has been proposed that the Government itself would build.

It developed in the hearing that the problem was largely one of permanent housing, not because of the desirability of housing permanently, but because of the character of the workmen who were to be supplied with houses. Temporary housing is practical for much unskilled labor and for a limited amount of skilled labor. Single men can to a limited degree be so taken care of, but for the skilled mechanics who have their families it is necessary to provide them something better than could be supplied through temporary barrack construction, and the difference between the two in cost would not be such as to warrant putting up simply temporary buildings. So while they have practically in every instance refused to agree to the full demand of the locality as to the number of houses to be built, their program looks in large measure to the building of permanent houses that can be sold, and are to be sold where the Government owns them, to workmen who will live in them and will expect actually to own them. Where the Government makes a loan and takes a mortgage the house will be of such a character and in such locality as to assure the return to the Government of the money that is loaned. At least that is both the hope and expressed belief of those gentlemen. Now, as I stated in other instances, they are undertaking by aiding in transportation to solve some of the problems. The gentleman will find on page 8 of the hearings a list of the cities where there have been requests for The gentleman will find on page 8 of the purchasing houses and where they have come to some conclusion as to the amount of money that they would probably expend at such places. On page 9 is a list of other cities that have made requests and where requests have not yet been acted upon. Now, it became early apparent in the hearings that it was impossible for the committee to designate in the allotment of moneys and by the character of houses as to how this money should be expended, but a reading of the hearings will clearly disclose, I think, that these men, who are experts in their respective lines, have given to the subject a degree of study that warrants the belief that as far as possible there will be a safeguarding of the Government's moneys. The committee examined into each program of building that had to any degree been determined on.

Mr. ROBBINS. That answers very fully the inquiry. I noticed page 8 and 9, and had read the list of places that applied, but no town I had in mind seems to have been included in this list. Butler, Pa., whose application was presented, on behalf of the board of trade with members of the board of trade, does not seem to be included, and Erie, Pa., which I was advised at the same time had been favorably acted on, does not seem to be included. This is only, however, an omission that is not fatal at all.

Mr. SHERLEY. I do not recall either of those instances, but it is only fair to say the lists presented there are tentative. I think this ought to be said, and I say it without reference to the two instances that the gentleman cites, that there ought to be impressed through the membership of this House upon the communities of this country the very great duty that rests upon such communities to take care of this burden as far as it is possible; that they are not to assume that because the Government has seen fit to appropriate moneys for housing that it means thereby that it is to do all of the housing that needs The community that gets the benefit of great into be done. dustrial activities on account of war orders, that has an expanse and a growth and a prosperity growing out of that, has a very definite pronounced patriotic obligation in turn to assume burdens that flow from those benefits, and not to look to the Treasury of the United States to house all the people who happen to come there.

Mr. ROBBINS. I think that was the same statement that was made to the Board of Trade of Butler, Pa., by the housing officials to whom they applied over in the city here, on F Street, I want to clear up the statement the gentleman made as to the depreciation charged off at the period of revaluation after the war for houses which were erected by the Government on the basis of 20 per cent advance by the Government and 80

per cent advance by the local community

Mr. SHERLEY. It is the other way around; 80 per cent by the Government and 20 per cent by the local community, cor-

poration, or individual.

Mr. ROBBINS. Is it the idea of the gentleman and of those who are interested in it in perfecting this housing proposition and its operation that that would be charged off as depreciation and credited to a Government mortgage, without any payment by the local people?

Mr. SHERLEY. The word "depreciation" is misleading. The idea is this: Building at this time is of necessity more ex-

pensive than at any other time—
Mr. ROBBINS. We appreciate that very much.
Mr. SHERLEY. And because it is more expensive to-day, private interests hesitate to undertake it. Now, if they are to be charged with the entire cost of building, the only thing that they get in the way of inducement is the loan at 5 per cent that the Government makes. They have insisted—and I am simply stating their case now, without necessarily meaning to say it meets my approbation-they have insisted that inasmuch as they have to build at a time when there is an excess of anywhere from 30 to 50 per cent in building cost, they should be permitted to pay back as of the value of that property if built in normal times, and they give to the Government the option to have an appraisal made at any time within five years after the close of the war. Now, that appraisal is not for the purpose of determining the value of the houses when appraised, but it is to determine what it would cost to erect at this time new houses exactly like those were when new.

Mr. ROBBINS. Protect them against the excessive cost? Mr. SHERLEY. That is the purpose of such provisions. WATSON of Pennsylvania. Is it the purpose to deduct from this \$60,000,000 for housing money to establish electriclight plants, pave streets, and establish water companies

Mr. SHERLEY. I think with perhaps the one exception of a proposed plan down near Portsmouth none of the items discussed were items where it was proposed to build houses outside of existing municipalities. In no instance was it proposed to create municipal facilities other than the suggestion touching some property outside of Portsmouth.

Mr. WATSON of Pennsylvania. I have in mind the shipping plant at Bristol. They are spending there about \$5,000,000. They are opening a great many streets; they are placing a sewerage system in the streets, installing electric lights and

water pipes, and paving the streets, and expending a great deal of money. Would that come out of the \$60,000,000?

Mr. SHERLEY. That is a case where the moneys come from the moneys furnished the Shipping Board and the Fleet Corporation, and it is pursuant to an act that was passed some months ago authorizing the Emergency Fleet Corporation or the Shipping Board to expend up to \$50,000,000 for housing purposes.

Now, I suspect, without recalling the details, though we had some testimony by the Shipping Board in the sundry civil bill as to Bristol, that this is the situation, namely, that they found that as a business proposition it was better to take certain lands that could be obtained in sufficient quantity at a reasonable rate; and they are building these houses and opening up the streets with a view of subsequent sale of the houses, rather than to undertake to buy expensive land that might not be as suitable for the purpose. And it might be quite possible, as the gentleman says, and I have no doubt it is, that in that instance they are opening up new streets.

Now, there is another question in that connection, and that is one of the reasons why, in my judgment, it is desirable to authorize in this bill the creation of a corporation. If the Government buys these lots and erects the buildings on them, the property ceases to be taxable for either municipal, county, or State purposes; and, of course, it is not to be expected that if you take out of a community certain of its taxable assets the community will of its own accord furnish municipal facilities. And in the hearings it was suggested that one of the things that was desirable to do, instead of having the Government go into the creation of municipalities, was to enter into agreements with existing municipalities, where it was practicable, for the extension of their sewerage and water and lighting and streets and fire and police facilities in consideration of having added property that would be sufficiently valuable for taxation to give a return for the facilities given.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman has expired. Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for five minutes more.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Kentucky asks unanimous consent to proceed for five minutes more. Is there objecon? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none. Mr. MAPES. Mr. Chairman—

Mr. SHERLEY. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. MAPES 1.

Mr. MAPES. Has the President authorized the organization headed by Mr. Eidlitz, that was created by the Secretary of

Labor, to go ahead with this housing proposition?

Mr. SHERLEY. At the time of the hearing he had not formally done so, but I have no doubt of his determination to use these gentlemen in the carrying out of this act. I say that because of the fact that in connection with some of these preliminary surveys and work that they have been doing, and which ought to have been done, and had to be done, if the situation was to be met, he has advanced out of the fund that Congress placed at his disposal a limited amount of money, I think something like \$60,000. So I have no doubt he will use this existing organization.

Mr. MAPES. Can the gentleman tell us whether or not any conclusion has been reached as to how these houses that are to be built by the Government are to be furnished?

Mr. SHERLEY. They are not to be furnished by the Government at all. They are to be rented unfurnished; that is, outside of those in the District of Columbia, where they do expect to furnish them, and have dormitories composed of several hundred rooms, each room to house a single person.

Mr. MAPES. It will be necessary to furnish those, will it not?

Mr. SHERLEY. Yes, sir.

Mr. MAPES. And is that the settled policy of the organiza-

Mr. SHERLEY. I gathered that that was their policy. testimony showed that they did not contemplate the furnishing of any of these houses that are to be built elsewhere. And, as I stated a few minutes ago, it was their desire not to build these in any instance except as a final resort.

Mr. MAPES. My inquiry was directed more especially to the

housing facilities to be put up here in the District.

Mr. SHERLEY. Well, in the District there are some proposals looking to the building on four sites here of dormitories, probably exclusively for women. The dormitories will house different numbers, according to the area available, divided into rooms that will be occupied by one person and which will be simply furnished and to have in connection with such dormitories a restaurant, the facilities of which will probably be given—and when I say "given" I do not mean in the sense of a gratuity—to some concessionaire, who will run the restaurant.

Mr. SNELL. Will the gentleman yield for another question

on another matter?

Mr. SHERLEY. Certainly. Mr. SNELL. Is there any provision in the \$11,000,000 for training camps, for any training camps outside of those connected with the regular cantonments?

Mr. SHERLEY. The \$11,000,000 for training camps was for training camps for any training camps outside of those conmittee had no opportunity to express an opinion in regard to their wisdom or their unwisdom. It developed that the Secretary of the Navy had taken the responsibility of ordering this work done, and there was \$11,000,000 to be met, and there was nothing for the committee to do but to meet it.

Now, the gentleman will find on page 141 of the hearings a statement setting out the training camps and the estimates as to the expenditures at the various camps. They are all existing camps, and the amount which is to be expended or which has been expended is set out there. The gentleman will see that \$7,650,000 is on camps where the work has been let and is under way; \$950,000 is at camps where the work has been let but is not under way; and \$2,400,000 is where authority has been given but where there has been no actual contract made.

Mr. SNELL. But there is nothing in this that provides for

any additional camps?

Mr. SHERLEY. No, sir. The gentleman will find the de-ils set out there. The committee has had no option. It is tails set out there. manifest that it is impossible for the committee, I will say to the gentleman, to ascertain how extensive the building should be and whether it is being done economically or not. reminds me that it did develop in the testimony that there were projects that had not been approved by the Navy looking to an expenditure of \$4,000,000, but they are not involved in the amounts that are carried in this bill.

Mr. SNELL. Can the gentleman tell from what fund the nitrate plants Nos. 2 and 3, that have been decided upon, come—Nos. 2 and 3, down at Muscle Shoals?

Mr. SHERLEY. My subcommittee has had no hearing on that. The subcommittee on fortifications is having a hearing at this time on that and other matters in connection with the fortification bill. My understanding is that a very large part of the fund was obtained from the money appropriated in one of the deficiency bills last year in connection with the purchase, manufacture, and test of ammunition for mountain, field, and siege cannon; it was held that the language "manufacture and test" made available such portions of that fund as were necessary in connection with the manufacture of ammunition.

Mr. SNELL. The gentleman says the fortifications subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations is considering that

at the present time?

Mr. SHERLEY. Yes. They are having hearings in connection with the estimates for the coming year, and, as always has been the practice of the Committee on Appropriations, they endeavor in connection with new estimates to make inquiry into the expenditures that have been made under similar items heretofore; and I happen to know—because I have talked the matter over with the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. Borland] that this particular matter will be inquired into. I personally am not familiar with the testimony that has been given over the last several days

Mr. LONGWORTH. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SHERLEY. Certainly.

Mr. LONGWORTH. The entire amount of the plant No. 2 at Muscle Shoals was taken from the item that the gentleman refers to. Does the gentleman know what item is being used

for the construction of those two new nitrate plants?

Mr. SHERLEY. I do not; but I presume the same thing would apply as to them. There was also an appropriation of \$20,000,000 in the national defense act. Just how much of it has been used, or will be used, I do not know; but I think the gentleman will admit before he is through the inquiry—and I have no objection to the inquiry—that, assuming the necessity for a greatly increased capacity in this country for the making of various forms of explosives

Mr. LONGWORTH. I think there is no question but that it

Mr. SHERLEY. In a moment-and assuming the need for the creation of additional sources for the supply of nitrate as an incident to the manufacture of such explosives, that the department would have been derelict in duty if it had not undertaken to supply the deficiency in those particulars as early as possible. Now, by that I do not mean to say that the method pursued has been wise or unwise, though I do not think that the statements heretofore made have warranted the assumption that some gentlemen have indulged in, that the whole matter was indefensible and without excuse

Mr. LONGWORTH. I do not think that anybody has denied the necessity for getting a larger supply of nitrate, but the gentleman must agree to this, that that appropriation when made was intended for objects other than the building of nitrate plants, and therefore if a large amount, some hundreds of mil-

lions, is taken out of that item-

Mr. SHERLEY. I do not agree to anything of the sort. do not come close to it. I will tell you what I do agree to, and that is that the practice in the past has been-and by that I mean before the war-that whenever a department had in contemplation the creation of some factory or facility for manufacture that involved a sum at all large, instead of undertaking to get it out of the funds carried for guns or ammunition generally, they came to Congress and specifically asked for it. That is the way we created our various arsenals. But it does not follow that, because that was the practice in the past, there may not have existed conditions that warranted them in using this money for this purpose; and it does not follow, as implied in the question of the gentleman from Ohio, that such use means a diversion of funds, and that it results in a less sum being available for ammunition purposes. Just the contrary may be true. It does not necessarily matter in the way of quantity production of ammunition whether that money is expended in buying the finished product, whether all of it was so expended or part of it expended in getting those things that go to make the finished product.

Mr. SNELL. Does the money for the establishment of the water power come out of the same fund as that in connection

with the building of the plant?

Mr. SHERLEY. My only knowledge on that point is derived from some statements made by the gentleman from Ohio, which

I neither question or confirm.

Mr. LONGWORTH. My information came from the Secretary of War, and I can tell the gentleman that Dam No. 2 at Muscle Shoals is being built with moneys taken from the \$20,000,000 nitrate fund, and the money for the erection of the plant itself is being taken from this appropriation.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Kentucky

has expired.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Chairman, I ask for another minute. The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the gentleman's re-

There was no objection.

Mr. SHERLEY. We can best get at this matter when it comes before the House in a regular way and when all of us will have all of the information that is available on the subject.

Mr. SNELL. When will that come?
Mr. SHERLEY. That will come under the fortifications bill.
The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

The Clerk read as follows:

The President, if in his judgment such action is deemed necessary or advantageous, may authorize the creation of a corporation or corporations for the purpose of carrying out the act entitled "An act to authorize the President to provide housing for war needs," approved May 16, 1918, such corporation or corporations to have or obtain all powers necessary or appropriate therefor. The total capital stock of the corporation or corporations authorized hereunder shall not exceed \$60,000,000: Provided, That where such corporation or corporations are created by authority of the President, representatives appointed by the President, or by such agency as he may designate to carry out the purposes of the said act, shall subscribe to, own, and vote the capital stock thereof for and on behalf of the United States, and shall do all other things in regard thereto necessary to protect the interests of the United States and to carry out the provisions of the said act: Provided further, That section 605 of the Code of the District of Columbia prohibiting a corporation from buying, selling, or dealing in real estate shall not apply to such corporation or corporations so created or designated, with respect to buying, selling, or dealing in real estate in furtherance of the provisions of the said act: Provided further, That the act entitled "An act to amend section 552 of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia, relating to incorporations," approved February 4, 1905, shall not apply to any corporations, approved February 4, 1905, shall not apply to any corporation or corporations created under the authority contained in this paragraph.

Mr. GILLETT. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last

Mr. GILLETT. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last word for the purpose of stating a fact that recently has come to my knowledge and which does not affect the legislation here, because it is nothing which Congress can affect one way or the other. It is a matter entirely within the executive action of the departments and bureaus. That is the competition here in departments and bureaus. That is the competition here in Washington between the different bureaus and agencies of the Government, which I hope will not affect the building of these houses. I was told recently of one department where the men who were working were drawn out of their employment to another department because they were working 8 hours and the other department offered them the opportunity to work 10 hours, and, of course, for the two extra hours they would receive overtime. Therefore it was more attractive to them than where they were working. So they were drawn away from where they were doing good work to another department which, perhaps, needed them less. I do not believe that the question as to which needed them most was at all taken into consideration in their final apportionment.

I heard of another case where bricklayers who were working in one department here in Washington at \$6 a day were offered \$8 a day here by another department, and so they were taken away from the place where they were probably quite satisfied

and doing good work at \$6 a day to the other department paying them \$8 a day. Now, which department needed them most I do not know. If there was any assurance that they finally were landed in the place where they could do the most good to the Government, it would lessen my criticism.

Mr. SNYDER. Were the men who offered them the higher

wages working on a contract?

Mr. GILLETT. No; these were both strictly Government departments or bureaus or agencies. I do not care to be specific and say who they were, because I do not wish to criticize any department; but it simply illustrates a condition which exists. I hope the Department of Labor, which is to engage in this housing business, will not follow the practice which other departments are now apparently following, of bidding against some other department, thereby constantly enhancing wages and increasing the cost to the Government, and worst of all not insuring that the department which needs them most finally gets them. There ought to be, and I suppose there is, on paper an organization to accomplish the object that there shall not be this competition among the departments, and that some one shall have supreme jurisdiction where a man shall go. But as these facts were brought to my attention I thought I would bring them to the attention of the authorities in this way, hoping that the abuse which apparently exists in Washington will not be increased by this very large addition to the employment of labor.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the pro forma amend-

ment will be withdrawn, and the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

The Clerk read as follows:

For the temporary employment of such additional force of clerks and other employees as in the judgment of the Secretary of War may be proper and necessary to the prompt, efficient, and accurate dispatch of official business in the War Department and its bureaus, to be allotted by the Secretary of War to such bureaus and offices as the exigencies of the existing situation may demand, \$900,000: Provided, That the Secretary of War shall submit to Congress on the first day of its next regular session a statement showing by bureaus or offices the number and designation of the persons employed hereunder and the annual rate of compensation paid to each: Provided further, That no person shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation in excess of \$5,000 per annum, not more than 5 persons shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation in excess of \$1,800 per annum each.

Mr. Chairman, I move to estrike out the last word.

Mr. KAHN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last word. I should like to ask the chairman of the committee, who is the clerk that is to be employed at \$5,000 a year in the War Department? At page 6, line 12, there is a provision for one clerk in the War Department to be employed at \$5,000 a year.

Mr. SHERLEY. No clerk.

Mr. KAHN. What is the \$5,000 salary for?

Mr. SHERLEY. It is for those high-grade people whom the Secretary of War personally stated that he needed in connection with a lot of work that was going on in the department, among other things the systematizing of contracts. The gentleman will note that the paragraph relates to the temporary employment of such additional force of clerks and other employees as in the judgment of the Secretary of War may be proper and necessary.

I stated awhile ago, during the gentleman's absence, that the Secretary said he had but one of three methods that he knew of available to him for a certain character of work-either to accept the services of men who volunteered, with all the evils that have been so frequently pointed out on this floor, or the employment of men at salaries sufficient to get men of real competence, or turning over of important work to men who were simply clerks and not competent, or giving men commissions, with such high rank as would give them commensurate salaries, and which he thought was a very indefensible method. He urged very strongly upon the committee that we allow appointments at a rate as high as \$7,500 a year, and without any other limitation than that he should personally make the appointment and certify the reason for it. The committee, having in mind somewhat the attitude of this House in the past, reached the conclusion that the allowance of five salaries not exceeding \$5,000 would probably enable him to meet the situation, and it accordingly fixed that limitation.

Mr. KAHN. I have no objection to giving to the Secretary of

War all the assistance that he needs-

Mr. SHERLEY. The proposition was simply this, and I am sure the gentleman will agree with it. It is perfectly apparent that in this day, with the tremendous expansion of that department, there is great need of a limited number of high-grade men. Now, you can get those men either by having them volunteer, or by paying them a salary, or by commissioning them, and I think the payment of a salary is a legitimate, dignified way for the Government to do it.

Mr. KAHN. I agree with the gentleman.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the pro forma amendment will be withdrawn, and the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

For Medical and Hospital Department, including the same objects specified under this head in the Army appropriation act for the fiscal year 1918 and in the deficiency appropriation act approved October 6, 1917, the Secretary of War is authorized to enter into contracts and otherwise to incur obligations not to exceed \$33,000,000 in addition to the appropriations heretofore made.

Mr. KAHN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last ord. I should like to have information about that item.

Mr. SHERLEY. I will give it again. I am sorry the gentleman was not here when I made the explanation a few minutes

ago. I shall be glad to make it again.

The gentleman will find by looking at the hearings that the Medical Department came in with a statement showing the expenditures that they had made under the appropriations that had been given to them heretofore of \$130,806,000; and they showed that there was in the way of expenditures and obligations an indebtedness that more than took up that amount of money, and that they needed, under additional obligations or appropriations, for motor vehicles, \$2,985,000; replacements and repairs, \$1,040,000; printing and binding, \$100,000; veterinary supplies, medicines, and antiseptics, \$269,019; dressings, \$142,-824.12; instruments, \$67,272.92; horse blankets, \$245,000; gas masks, \$11,000,000; employees and operatives, \$1,257,000. Other medical and hospital supplies: Medicines, antiseptics, and disinfectants, \$5,000,000; surgical dressings and sutures, \$14,000,-000; hospital equipment and supplies, \$1,600,000; textiles. \$6,000,000; instruments and appliances, \$900,000; litters, pack saddles, and field chests, \$500,000; making a total of \$45,316,-116.04.

Then they had an expense of civilian employees, that is out the field, of \$1,315,000; laundry hospital linen, \$400,000; civilian medical service, \$500,000; expressage on medical property, \$4,000; gas and electricity and laboratory apparatus. \$4,000; miscellaneous, \$6,000; allowance to disbursing officers in Europe for which no accountability will be made to the Surgeon General, \$3,600; making a total of \$51,145,116.04.

At the time this statement was made they had \$18,233,305,35 unobligated, which left \$33,000,000, the amount we are carrying here. At the time the hearing was had, which was later than the time the table was made up, there were a number of items that had changed the \$18,000,000, which, as I said a moment ago, had been all obligated, but the table I have read gives you the situation, after four or five hours of hard work with the Medical Corps.

The Clerk read as follows:

For fuel, lights, repairs, miscellaneous items, and printing for the fiscal years that follow:

Nineteen hundred and eighteen, \$45,150. Nineteen hundred and nineteen, \$147,500.

Mr. SNELL. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last Does the Government manufacture its own electricity

for all these new buildings?

Mr. SHERLEY. I think in all new temporary buildings it buys it. It was stated that they were buying at a rate which was as cheap as they could make it. I do not think that applies generally to permanent buildings. Eight or ten years ago I had occasion to go into the cost of making electricity in the District of Columbia when they had a proposition to sell us electricity at a price which ran all the way from 10 cents down to 3 cents, and 3 cents was extravagant. In connection with these particular buildings I think we are getting it as cheaply as we could make it.

Mr. SNELL. Does the gentleman know what the rate is? Mr. SHERLEY. It is a sliding scale, making it considerably under 3 cents, but I do not remember accurately the rate.

The Clerk read as follows:

The Clerk read as follows:

War and Navy Department temporary office buildings (Potomae Park): For the following employees from August 15, 1918, to June 30, 1919, inclusive, at annual rates of compensation as follows: Assistant superintendent, \$2,000; clerks—I of class 4, 2 of class 3, 2 of class 2, 4 of class 1, 4 at \$1,000 each; 4 messengers, at \$720 each; chief engineer, \$1,800; assistant engineers—I \$1,600, 6 at \$1,400 each; chief electrician, \$1,600; clerticians—I \$1,600, 6 at \$1,400 each; chief electrician, \$1,600; clerticians—I \$1,400 each, 4 at \$1,200 each; foreman, \$1,400; painters—3 at \$1,400 each, 7 at \$1,200 each; sign writer, \$1,400; painters—3 at \$1,200 each; at \$1,000 each; plumbers—I \$1,400, 4 at \$1,200 each; steam fitters—2 at \$1,400 each; 2 at \$1,200 each; general mechanics, at \$1,000 each; guards—captain \$1,600, 6 lieutonants at \$1,080 each, 8 sergeants at \$930 each, 205 at \$780 each, 80 at \$720 each; fire marshal, \$1,080; foreman of laborers, \$1,000; 2 assistant foremen of laborers, at \$480 each; 83 laborers, at \$600 each; 205 charwomen, at \$240 each; in all, \$388,955.

Mr. WATSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman, I move to

Mr. WATSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last word. On page 10, line 4, there is a provision for a sign writer at \$1,400. What is a sign writer?

Mr. SHERLEY. In this instance he is a painter who paints

the signs for all the doors and hallways to help people find the offices and to indicate who are in the offices,

Mr. WATSON of Pennsylvania. Is he employed continuously every day writing signs?

Mr. SHERLEY. He is employed continuously, and when not painting signs he is doing general painting work around the

Mr. WATSON of Pennsylvania. He does other work besides painting signs?

Mr. SHERLEY. Yes.

The Clerk read as follows:

War Department temporary office building (Eighteenth Street and Virginia Avenue NW.): For the following employees from July 1, 1918, to June 30, 1919, inclusive, at annual rates of compensation, as follows: Assistant superintendent, \$1,800; clerk of class 1; chief engineer, \$1,400; assistant engineer, \$1,000; 6 firemen at \$840 each; 4 coal passers at \$720 each; electrician, \$1,200; carpenter, \$1,200; painter, \$1,000; general mechanic, \$1,000; guards—captain \$1,200, 3 sergeants at \$930 each, 42 privates at \$780 each; foreman of laborers, \$840; 10 laborers at \$660 each; 3 female laborers at \$450 each; 2 forewomen of charwomen at \$300 each; 18 charwomen at \$240 each; in all, \$68,270.

Mr. ROBBINS. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last I want to ask the gentleman in charge of the bill a question. On page 9, line 25, I see there is an assistant superintendent at \$2,000, and on page 10, line 25, an assistant superintendent at \$1,800. Why is it not proper to reduce the one who draws \$2,000, on page 9, in the Navy Department to \$1,800, who seems to perform the same duties and hold the same office as the other and known by the same name? Why the difference?

Mr. SHERLEY. They have the same name but do not do the ame amount of work. One of them is in charge of buildings same amount of work. very much larger than the other. The committee took the statement of Col. Ridley, who has charge of the matter and knows what these people ought to be paid. In these two instances he testified he was having great difficulty in getting men at all fitted to attend to the jobs at the salaries ordinarily paid. All the gentleman needs to do is to recall what unskilled laborers are getting to-day to realize that that is true because these men are not getting a permanent Government position, at least I hope These buildings will pass away in the course of a few years. Anyway that particular difference was at the instance of Col. Ridley, who said that the work they had to do warranted the difference in the salary.

Mr. ROBBINS. I want to say that I have been through these buildings somewhat, and so far as my observations go they are filled with clerks that are not employed. They are not busy, The service down there looks to me as if it was very indifferently and inefficiently rendered. Now, I want to be understood; I do not mean to say that those who are working are not performing their duty but they do not all work. On one occasion as I walked through the buildings at Seventh and B Streets I observed a great many idlers. As I and my friend went through one long room we counted seven girls and four boys sitting at a desk talking in one room. We took occasion to pass back through the same room 5 or 10 minutes afterwards and they were doing the same thing. Now, I have no objection to paying one of these men \$1,800 and the other \$2,000, for I accept the gentleman's explanation in this instance, but I wanted to make the other observation which struck me at the time, that if these two men are in charge of the buildings there, they ought to see that the people employed there work.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will permit, he is laboring under a misapprehension as to what this force This force has nothing to do with the clerical force of which he is speaking. This force is there for the purpose of attending to the heat, light, cleaning, and protection of the building. Touching the other matter, I want to say this: I have taken occasion-not once, not twice, not six times, but a dozen times-to call the attention of the various responsible officers of the Government to statements that have been made upon the floor and off the floor similar to what the gentleman has just I think-I know-that some of that criticism has been warranted by the facts. It is fair to say that there are times, of necessity, when a bureau is undergoing expansion, when there will be some slack that can not be immediately taken up, but that does not explain what has been a condition in the past. Some of it has been due to the very great incompetency of some of the clerical service that we get here, and if the Civil Service Commission would get a more intelligent examination, I think we would get a better class of clerks. get quite so many school-teachers, but we might get more people who know about clerical duties. I want to say in justification of the department that an officer has recently been detailed upon this very matter, and I had occasion to talk to him-in point of fact, he sought me out as a result of some criticisms that I had made-and I have reason to believe that he and other people are going to correct and are correcting now some of the When the sundry abuses of which the gentleman complains. civil bill hearings come out the gentleman will find page after

page of inquiry of various people in connection with just that question. You are usually met with the statement that they do not know of the incidents of which they complain. I suggest to Members of Congress-and it is not a pleasant duty, and there are a lot of things that are not pleasant these days-that instead of coming on the floor and making a general assertion, they come with the concrete case, when they see a case of that kind, and take the time to make some inquiry and find out who the clerk is and who is the man responsible for the clerk, so that we can put our finger on the people and get results. There are 15,000 temporary employees now in the War Department. It is impossible to indict every one and get anywhere, but if gentlemen will bring specific cases we will be glad to aid them in getting at the responsible people.

Mr. ROBBINS. I want to call the gentleman's attention in that connection to another incident that occurred to me, sub-ject perhaps to his suggestion that I ought to be specific and get the names and places and the officers in charge. On Friday last, about half past 10 o'clock in the morning, I came along by those buildings at Seventh and B Streets. I had been in the one located farthest south on business. I found the whole street filled with clerks. It was not the noon hour. was about half past 10 o'clock in the morning, but it looked like the Atlantic City boardwalk, and the gentleman who was with me made the same comment and wendered how it was that all those clerks were out. Boys and girls would walk up to the corner, buying ice-cream cones and going over to the fruit stand across the street, and seemed to be out for a holiday rather than working for our Government in war time. Does the gentleman know the explanation for that unusual condition of affairs?

Mr. SHERLEY. I expect the explanation is this: In certain departments the clerks are at work longer than seven hours, some perhaps working longer than eight hours, and they are being given 10-minute rest periods, I think, twice a day, in addition to the lunch hour. In other words, they come to work at an earlier hour and stay later, and it has been deemed advisable by the officers having them in charge to give them certain rest periods, and I am not prepared to say that that may not be wise administration, assuming that it does not mean actual curtailing of the work but simply means longer time down there, with rest periods so as to prevent the fag and the fatigue that slows down work. I think that is the explanation of the incident of which the gentleman speaks.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman permit an inquiry with reference to these appropriations for these different employees

Mr. SHERLEY. Certainly.

Mr. WALSH. Will they be eligible for the horizontal increase that has been given other Government employees?

Mr. SHERLEY. The gentleman means the \$120 increase?

Mr. WALSH. Yes.

Mr. SHERLEY. That matter is in conference between the House and the Senate. It depends upon what comes out of conference. The Senate raised the amount and undertook to restrict it so as not to have it apply to new bureaus that have been created since July, 1916. The House provision did not so restrict it as to bureaus, but did restrict it to a lesser sum.

I had forgotten for the moment that that Mr. WALSH. matter had not been definitely acted upon; but if that is adopted, it depends upon the form in which it is finally en-

acted?

Mr. SHERLEY. Yes; but in these instances it would not affect these people, because this is not a new establishment but is an expanded old one.

The Clerk read as follows:

The char force of the foregoing temperary office buildings and the temporary office buildings in Henry Park, which is employed and paid by the bureaus or offices occupying the said buildings, shall be subject to the supervision and control of the superintendent of the State, War, and Navy Department Building.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last The reason for that provision is this: There developed a rather curious situation growing out of an old division of authority, that had a reason, in old buildings. The superintendent of these buildings had charge of the charwomen engaged in cleaning the corridors, but had nothing to do with the cleaning of the space that was occupied by the offices. That was perfectly understandable in a building like the State, War, and Navy Building, which is divided into many rooms, but in a great number of these new buildings there are no rooms in the sense of rooms apart from the corridors. The corridor consists simply of a path through the middle of one big room, with a rail on either side, and it was absurd to have two different forces of charwomen under two different managements taking care of that space, and this is to correct that situation.

The Clerk read as follows:

Transportation of remains: For transportation of remains, including the same objects specified under this head in the naval appropriation act for the fiscal year 1918, \$300,000.

Mr. ROBBINS. In reference to the item of \$300,000 I wish to ask the gentleman, and I do not wish to elicit any information that will be very dismal or improper to obtain, but I had a constituent killed in battle on the French front, and upon request for the return of his remains, at the instance of his father in this case, I was advised that no returns would be made until the close of the war. If that be true, what is the necessity for this item? Is there an explanation? I do not care to go into it in detail or to make any inquiry that would disclose

anything improper at all, but the item seems rather unusual.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Chairman, this relates to the Navy and not to the Army. The Navy are bringing home a certain number of men who die on ships in foreign waters, and it also is used for the purpose of transporting the remains of men in the service here in America who die either aboard ship or ashore. The Navy has undergone a very large expansion, and we have felt that while we did not know that they would need this amount of money that they might need it, and the committee naturally did not want to refuse any money for such purpose.

Mr. ROBBINS. I understand that; I just wanted to inquire.

The Clerk read as follows:

COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

For office expenses, including the same objects specified under this ead in the sundry civil appropriation act for the fiscal year 1918, \$8,000.

Mr. PLATT. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last word. Mr. Chairman, I do not know anything as to the necessity of this item for the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and I do not want particularly to take part in the discussion as to whether clerks in Washington are, generally speaking, working, or, generally speaking, loafing. So far as my observation goes, they are working; but I do believe there is a whole lot of Government work being done here in Washington and elsewhere which has nothing whatever to do with the winning of this war, work that might as well be postponed now as not, and that the force of clerks so employed ought to be transferred to the War Department or the Navy Department or to some other depart-The Provost ment which is essential to the winning of the war. Marshal General has recently classified certain industries as nonessential and has said that men, even those who are married, who are holding certain positions in hotels and in other places must seek other work or fight. Now, there are lots of men from my observation doing Government work which is nonessential and who ought to seek other work or be forced to fight. On the 9th day of May I introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Bureau of Efficiency be directed to report to the House of Representatives what Government activities in Washington or elsewhere are not essential to the successful prosecution of the war, and also what Government activities could be curtailed during the war so that their clerical forces could be transferred in part to essential

war activities

That resolution was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, for what reason I do not know. I shall ask the Committee on Military Affairs, now that they have their big bill off their hands, to take some action on it or I shall ask a re-

reference of it.

It probably ought to be referred to some other committee. We certainly ought to have some light on this subject. We passed the Overman bill week before last giving the President full authority to reorganize and transfer men from one department to another, but President Wilson, I think, in all fairness may be said not to be given to drastic action. He does not like to chop off men's heads and throw people out of one place and put them in another if he can help it, but somebody ought to make a study and report on these matters, roughly at least, and let us know, let Congress know, and let the President know what activities could be postponed during the war or what should be curtailed. A great flood of people has been coming to Washington to do war work, congesting all living accommodations and causing unnecessary expense, when there are other people here who might be doing the war work instead of the work they are now doing

Mr. ROBBINS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PLATT. I will.

Mr. ROBBINS. Does not the gentleman think in the line of his suggestion that the great army of clerks over here in the Interstate Commerce Building valuing railroads could be taken off that job during the war and turned to something else, especially since the Government has taken over the roads?

Mr. PLATT. I do. I think that valuation work is an absolutely idiotic thing to do at this time. They are employing a lot of engineers that ought to be doing Army work. There is not a

man employed in that work to-day who feels proud of his work, and several of them have told me so. The engineers who are employed will tell you they are not doing anything worth while. It is an outrage to continue work of that kind when everybody employed in it knows it is not useful at this time, if at any time, and when there is such a tremendous demand for engineers and for competent clerks in war work.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Chairman, with the gentleman's general observation I am in accord; as to the illustration used to enforce it I am not. It so happens that the \$8,000 is for the purpose of supplying charts for the Navy and Shipping Board, and is more essential now than ever before in its existence-

Mr. PLATT. I fully agree to that.

Mr. SHERLEY. And it was carried for that purpose. I do not agree with the gentleman especially touching the valuing of the railroads, because there is going to be a very great need of that sort of information to protect this Government from the expenditure of a great many millions of dollars in the near Whatever may have been the need in the past for doing it, the need has grown, and to stop work now would be to throw away all that is behind us and put ourselves at the mercy of the railroads if we should take them over or if any issue comes as to compensation for them incident to our present occupancy. I want to say I do thoroughly share with the gentleman his general indictment of many of the departments of the Government.

One of the melancholy things in connection with this war is that everybody is willing to tack onto a war need his particular activity, whether there be any legitimate reason in peace or otherwise for its existence, and one of the chief difficulties the Committee on Appropriations has is in trying to force that idea into the heads of men who do not want to see it, even when they do see it. I think the President has the power-and I think he has the desire-to eliminate some of the unnecessary activities that go on, but the ingenuity of men in explaining why the other fellow's job is unnecessary, but that theirs is important, passes all belief. Somehow or other, both in this present emergency and every other that this country has ever faced, it has been exceedingly difficult to divorce any governmental employee from his job. Some of the real achievements of my career in 16 years have consisted in abolishing a few commissions.

Mr. ANTHONY. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman from Kentucky yield?

Mr. SHERLEY. I will.

Mr. ANTHONY. I wanted to ask the gentleman what particular item in this bill has to do with picric-acid plants which I see the Government is contemplating establishing. What ap-

propriation do they come out of?

Mr. SHERLEY. They do not come out of any in this bill. During the gentleman's absence that matter was discussed considerably. I will say to the gentleman what I said to others, in connection with the hearings on the fortifications bill, it is hoped the committee may be prepared to present to the House as much information as possible relative to the development of these various plants.

However, I was mistaken a moment ago. I was thinking of

The gentleman is speaking ofnitrates.

Mr. ANTHONY. Picric acid.
Mr. SHERLEY. All I know about that is what I saw in the newspapers the other day, that one plant had been located at Little Rock

Mr. ANTHONY. And one at Brunswick, Ga. I wondered what appropriation from the gentleman's committee they come out of.

Mr. SHERLEY: I am unable to answer, but it is quite possible that they come from the fund that is available for the manufacture of ammunition.

Mr. ANTHONY. Does the gentleman know if there is any particular reason for their location at Brunswick or Little Rock?

Are there raw materials there?

Mr. SHERLEY. I will say to the gentleman that some time ago a gentleman came to me from my city and said that the city was very anxious to have located a plant at Louisville. I did not give him any help in the matter, not because I did not want to see my city obtain new industries, but since this war I have made it a rule to make no recommendation at all concerning any contractual relation between individuals or localities and the Government. I do not think a man in my position in the House should make such a request, however much he might desire it. All I know is that the gentleman came to me subsequently and said Louisville had lost out and that Little Rock had been chosen.

Mr. ANTHONY. I wondered what appropriation those two

plants would come out of.

The Clerk read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

For stationery for Representatives, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners, including \$1,000 for stationery for the use of the committees and officers of the House, \$1,625.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move to strike out the last word. I do this for the purpose of asking the gentleman to recur to page 14 and to the item headed "Public works, Bureau of Yards and Docks," and including-

repairs and preservation at navy yards and stations: For repairs and preservation at navy yards, fuel depots, fuel plants, and stations, preservation \$2,100,000.

Will the gentleman kindly state whether the Navy is now accumulating coal at fuel depots and whether this contemplates the erection of new ones? I am asking this now out of order, because I was obliged to leave the Hall for a while.

Mr. SHERLEY. That did not develop in the hearings at all, and this deficiency had nothing to do with that matter. It is a repair item and simply relates to general repairs and preservation at navy vards.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. It does not contemplate new fuel stations?

Mr. SHERLEY. It is a repair item entirely, and the hearings did not in any sense develop anything relative to such state-

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. I notice there is a great deal of discussion as to the necessity for buying coal early and putting it away now for next winter, so far as domestic use is concerned, and coal seems to be piling up at a great many Army stations and navy yards. I wondered if any precautions were being taken on that line now?

Mr. SHERLEY. I do not know that. I hope to present to the House a bill looking to the establishment of a yard here in the District of Columbia to take care of the Government needs for coal. It would save a lot of money and take us out from under the control of the coal dealers.

Mr. MOORE of Pennsylvania. That is a local question and is pertinent, but this matter of fuel depots does not contemplate the erection of new ones for the Navy, so far as the gentleman knows?

Mr. SHERLEY. I simply say that this item has nothing to do with that one way or the other. I do not know what is being

The Clerk concluded the reading of the bill.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to have the Clerk correct the totals of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee do now rise and report the bill to the House with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the committee rose; and the Speaker having resumed the chair, Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that committee had had under consideration the bill (H. R. 12280) making appropriations to supply additional urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, on account of war expenses, and for other purposes, and had directed him to report the same to the House with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The SPEAKER, The question is on the engrossment and

third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Sherley, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed was laid on the table.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS.

Mr. CALDWELL. Mr. Speaker—
The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman rise? Mr. CALDWELL. To ask unanimous consent that I may be given the privilege of extending my remarks in the Record on the subject of ordnance and also on the transportation of the Army.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York asks unanimous consent to extend his remarks in the RECORD on the sub-

jects indicated. Is there objection?

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman, I understand, has stricken out certain matter in his speech to which I called attention the other day?

Mr. CALDWELL, Yes. Mr. WALSH. I do not object. There was no objection.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, before making the motion to adjourn, I want to say that the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. DENT] intends to call up the military bill to-morrow. And we will adjourn over for Memorial Day. I would like to ask unani-mous consent to dispense with the business in order on next Calendar Wednesday.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from North Carolina asks

unanimous consent to dispense on Wednesday with the business in order on Calendar Wednesday. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT FROM WEDNESDAY UNTIL FRIDAY.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House, when it adjourns next Wednesday, may adjourn to meet on Friday at 12 o'clock.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from North Carolina asks unanimous consent that the House, when it adjourns next Wednesday, adjourn to meet next Friday. Is there objection? There was no objection.

PRINTING COPIES OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. GARNER. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask unanimous consent that the number of copies that can be printed within the \$500 limit, without resolution, of the President's message, de-livered to-day, be printed and placed in the document room.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Texas asks unanimous consent that as many copies of the President's message, delivered to-day, as can be printed under the limit of \$500 be printed and placed in the document room. Is there objection?

Mr. CANDLER of Mississippi. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, would it not be better to place them in the folding room?

Mr. GARNER. I have no objection, if you want them to go to the folding room. Many Members will not use them, but they would be given away.

Mr. CANDLER of Mississippi. I suggest that they go to the folding room.

Mr. GARNER. Very well; I have no objection to that. The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

SENATE BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, Senate bill and joint resolution of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and referred to their appropriate committees, as indicated below:

S. 279. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents in certain cases to missionary or religious organizations; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. J. Res. 131. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to extend the time for the payment of annual installments on the purchase price for land in the Standing Rock Indian Reservation; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

REVISION OF REMARKS.

Mr. SHERLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to revise my remarks

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Kentucky asks leave to revise his remarks. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

LEAVE TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I am going to make a unanimous-consent request, the first I have made since I have been in Congress, and I hope it will be granted. I ask unanimous consent that to-morrow, after the reading of the Journal and the disposition of business on the Speaker's table, I be permitted to

address the House for 10 minutes.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from North Carolina asks unanimous consent that to-morrow, after the reading of the Journal and the disposition of business on the Speaker's table, he be permitted to address the House, not to exceed 10 minutes. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 3 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 28, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were

taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting list of places for which authorization for public-building work

is recommended (H. Doc. No. 1134); to the Committee on Public

Buildings and Grounds and ordered to be printed.

2. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting copy of communication from the Secretary of War submitting a supplemental estimate of appropriation desired by the Quartermaster Corps of the Army to increase the pay of the superintendent of the national cemetery at Mexico City, Mexico (H. Doc. No. 1135); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting copy of communication from the Secretary of War submitting supplemental estimate of appropriation required by the Engineer Department of the Army for the fiscal year 1919 (H. Doc. No. 1136); to the Committee on Appropriations and

ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials

were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky (by request): A bill (H. R. 12294) to provide for the redistribution of general taxes and special assessments due and payable on real estate in the District of Columbia in cases of subdivisions or sales of land therein; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CHANDLER of Oklahoma: A bill (H. R. 12295) for the relief of the Ottawa Indian Tribe of Blanchard Fork and

Roche de Bœuf; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 12296) for the relief of the heirs of the Eastern Cherokee Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Also, a bill (H. R. 12297) granting an increase of pension to Willis J. Gambel; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions

Also, a bill (H. R. 12298) granting an increase of pension to Andrew J. Molder; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 12299) granting an increase of pension to Jerry Daniel; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. COOPER of Wisconsin: A bill (H. R. 12300) granting a pension to Katherin Baker; to the Committee on Invalid Pen-

By Mr. GALLIVAN: A bill (H. R. 12301) for the relief of the owners of the schooner Henry O. Barrett; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. NORTON: A bill (H. R. 12302) granting a pension to Chloe A. Truax; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions

Also, a bill (H. R. 12303) granting a pension to Naomi Towner; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ROSE: A bill (H. R. 12304) granting a pension to Annie C. Bonebreak; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. TINKHAM: A bill (H. R. 12305) granting a pension to Maria Theresa Smyth; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions. sions

By Mr. WALDOW: A bill (H. R. 12306) granting a pension to Margaret A, Kinney; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. CANNON: Petition of D. C. J. Winder and 54 other

residents of Kankakee County, Ill., demanding the repeal of the second-class postage provisions of the war-revenue act; to the

Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COOPER of Wisconsin: Resolutions adopted by the Chamber of Commerce, Kenosha, Wis., asking Government and in the construction and maintenance of highways, etc.; to the

Committee on Roads.

By Mr. DALE of Vermont: Petition of the Rebekah Council of Vermont, favoring war prohibition; also the petition of a county convention of interdenominational Sunday schools of Vermont, favoring the Barkley war prohibition bill; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ELSTON: Petition of Mrs. M. E. Harden and other residents of Alameda County, Cal., favoring the repeal of the zone-rate system of second-class postage; to the Committee on

Ways and Means.

Also, memorial of Joseph H. Matthews, Edward W. Woodward, and J. R. Scupham, indorsing House bill 259, introduced by Mr. RAKER; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, memorial of Frank Sextus and other residents of Alameda County, Cal., favoring the minimum wage bill; to the Com-

mittee on Labor.

By Mr. FULLER of Illinois: Petitions of Denison Coffee Co.: The Lord & Bushnell Co.; Hall, Wedge & Carter; the Pacific Mutual Door Co.; the Central Bureau, Furniture & Casket Manufacturers, all of Chicago; and Walter D. Williams, manager Security Insurance Co., of Rockford, Ill., protesting against any repeal or postponement of the advanced second-class postage rates as provided in the war-revenue act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Washington: Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Skamania County, Wash., favoring the construction of military highways and post roads in the States of Washington, Oregon, and California; to the Committee on

Military Affairs.

Also, resolutions of the Tacoma Central Labor Union, the Tacoma Metal Trades Council, the Tacoma Building Trades Council, and the Tacoma Mill and Smelter Men's Union, No. 27, favoring the Smith-Sears rehabilitation bill; to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. KAHN: Papers to accompany H. R. 12201, a bill granting a pension to George Casseboom, Company A, First California Volunteer Infantry, War with Spain; to the Commit-

tee on Pensions.

By Mr. McFADDEN: Communication from J. Andrew Wilt, adjutant, Watkins Post, No. 68, Grand Army of the Republic, Towanda, Pa., favoring the passage of the so-called Smoot pension bill; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MAGEE: Petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Marcellus, N. Y., favoring prohibition as a

war measure; to the Committee on the Judiciary,

SENATE.

TUESDAY, May 28, 1918.

Rev. J. L. Kibler, of the city of Washington, offered the fol-

lowing prayer:

O God, our Heavenly Father, at this critical hour of the world war, with vast interests hanging in the balance and the world looking on with restless anxiety, we appeal to Thy power to defend our men at the front who are struggling to maintain the principles which pertain to Thy kingdom. The cause of justice and righteousness and honor is the habitation of Thy throne, and we look to Thee with great confidence to lead on the forces contending for these principles. As Thou didst bid Thine ancient people to go forward, and gavest them a lasting victory over their foes, so do Thou speak to our armies on the field of battle to-day and give them a triumphant victory. Paralyze the arms that are raised against them until their enemies shall see the hand of God-in the defense of the right, and seek no longer to destroy the peace of mankind. We ask it for Christ's sake. Amen.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by J. C. South. its Chief Clerk, announced that the House had passed the bill (S. 3799) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Civil War and certain widows and dependent relatives of such soldiers and sailors with amendments, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House had passed the following bills, in which it requested the concurrence of the

H. R. 12211. An act granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Regular Army and Navy and certain soldiers and sailors of wars other than the Civil War and to widows of such soldiers and sallors;

H. R. 12229. An act granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Civil War and certain widows and dependent children of soldiers and sailors of said

war; and

H. R. 12280. An act making appropriations to supply additional urgent deficiencies ir appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, on account of war expenses, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED.

The message further announced that the Speaker of the House had signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 8764) to authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union, and it was thereupon signed by the Vice President.